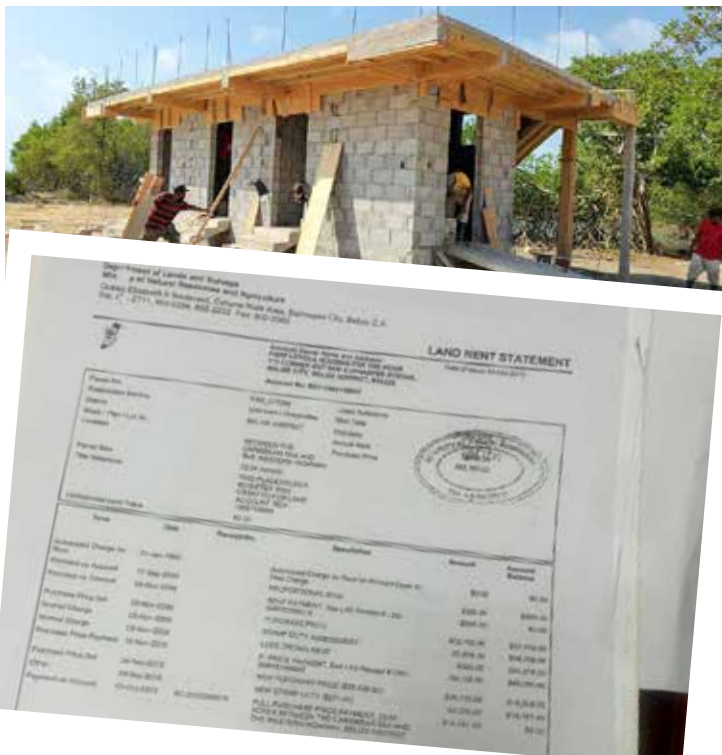




UDP HUSTLING FROM THE POOR



The **Belize Times** has confirmed that following the scandalous revelations surrounding multiple prime parcels of sea-front land on the George Price Highway, the Government of Belize is in the process of launching an investigation into former UDP Minister Anthony 'Boots' Martinez and a fake NGO held and operated by him, Port Loyola Housing for the Poor.

The news broke this week that 13 acres of property spanning from roadside to seafront is on the market for \$11 MILLION DOLLARS. That property was given to Port Loyola Housing for the Poor in 2008, months after the general election, for a purchase price of \$52,160 under then UDP Minister Gaspar Vega. On September 29th, 2015, in one of his final acts before his political career was destroyed by corruption scandals, Vega slashed the purchase price

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Week One	PUP	Indep	UDP
TOTAL SEATS	223 WON	17	19
VILLAGES	33 WON	2	2
PERCENT	86.10	6.56	7.34

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UDP HUSTLING FROM THE POOR

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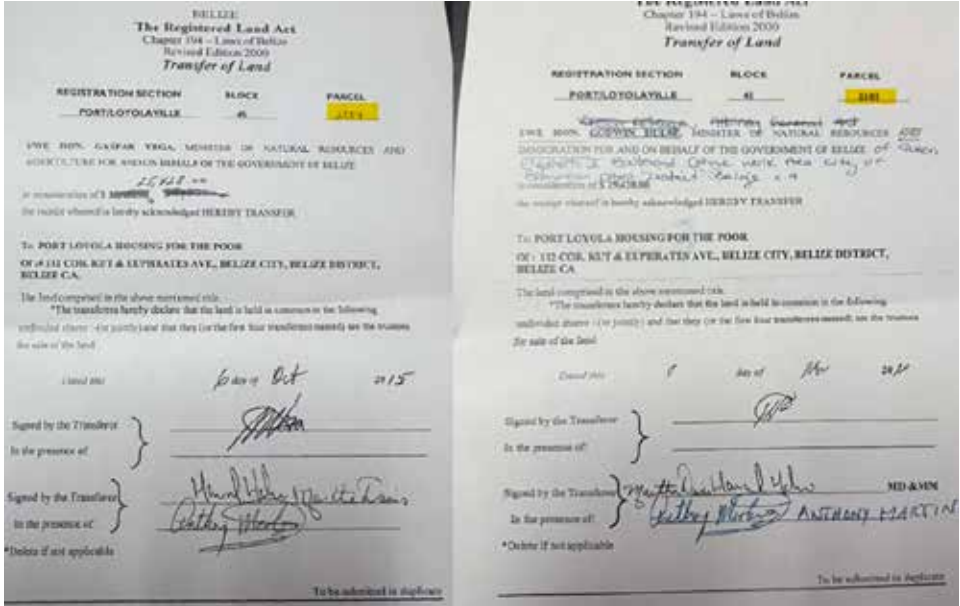
to half, and within two days then Minister Martinez, acting as Port Loyola Housing for the Poor, had paid that purchase price.

But as far back as 2009, long before paying the purchase price for the 13 acres, then Minister Martinez had been questioned about Port Loyola Housing for the Poor, and responded, "This land belongs to the NGO group of fourteen years, Port Loyola Housing for the Poor, and what we do here is to culminate our work, here is our warehouse. It is a land for the economic purpose for the people of Port Loyola. Shortly, we will be putting up a building to host the residents of Port Loyola in regards to computer training and sewing etc."

None of that ever happened, no warehouse or sewing factory or houses for the poor, and the Port Loyola Housing for the Poor NGO is not registered. Sources within the UDP, however, claim that for years this NGO, allegedly operated by Martinez and his mother, benefitted from huge sums of money paid from government coffers, reportedly to build homes for residents of Port Loyola, and to carry out other infrastructure projects. Yet, nobody can point to any projects done by the NGO for the poor.

According to media house Channel 7, "with 417 feet of sea frontage that would be one of the richest NGOs in the country - though we have never been invited to an event or a handing over to the poor from this group. It is not and has not been on the list of registered NGO's. So, we can end with that fiction. But, one thing that is not fiction is that it's a prize piece of real test and this offering - lists it for 9 million dollars. We are told that was some years ago and the asking price is now 11 million dollars. That is a very tidy profit - when it was purchased in 2015 for a mere \$25,428 dollars - that's back when Martinez was a minister."

The Belize Times has been told that Martinez will be required to provide detailed financial records for the currently non-existent NGO, including contracts it received from the government between 2008 and 2020. The newspaper has additionally been told by highly-placed sources that relevant agencies may be tasked to look into the acquisition of the prime property by a sitting Minister, and whether it constitutes unjust enrichment.



PlanBelize 2.0 LAND DISTRIBUTION IN MARTINEZ' TOLEDO EAST

May 26 - Hon, Osmond Martinez: "Greetings My Beautiful People of Toledo East.

Land is the greatest Wealth we can give to our Belizean People.

Yesterday we started the distribution of Purchase Price letters to first time land owners in Punta Gorda.

We will continue next week to distribute to many, more young people in Punta Gorda and Cattle Landing.

These purchase price payments should be made to only the lands offices and should be given a GOB issued receipts.

I want to thank the Cattle Landing Village Council and Of course Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Cordel Hyde and his team at the Ministry of Natural Resources for making this a reality.

One lot at a time. One Project at a time."



Later this same day, "As we continue to give first time land owners a piece of this Jewel, I would like to kindly invite the persons below to join us at the Cattle Landing Community Center on Friday May 30th at 3:00 P.M.

We initially planned this handing over ceremony last Sunday at 9:00 A.M. however the Village Council decided to postpone until this week.

We are committed to ensure that these lots are being handed to first time land owners, and this list submitted by the council is being honoured. We have a pending list of about 30 applications that we are currently working on as well.

This initiative is a collaborative effort with the Cattle Landing Village Council and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Together we will ensure every young person gets an opportunity to own a piece of this Jewel we call Belize. NOTE: This List was sent by the Cattle Landing Village Council."

Hon. Cordel Hyde's Natural Resources Ministry/New Lands Department keep ramping up the numbers of lots and farm land being issued and regulated. The planBelize 2.0 Briceño administration has morphed into the Gapi/Barrow hotbeds of corruption to the planBelize Hotbeds of Growth and Development where the 'Serve the People' has evolved to a literal everybody fish win target. Can everybody really win? Yes, is the response by the PUP as they are on the right track. Everyone will win directly and indirectly. Will everyone be wealthy probably not. But a rise in your quality of life and an in-

crease to job availability, greater access to land services, health care and better education all draw us nearer and nearer to the statistical outliers of everyone winning. Belizeans are already living in a Belize working for us all but we expect more every day and the PUP has all the intention of serving to that end.

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EDITORIAL

THE FAINT OF HEART, MIND AND BODY

It is time, past time, for the standing orders of the House to be changed to ensure that representatives being paid from the public purse **MUST** be present to speak for their people at every sitting, or face very dire repercussions. For far too long, Belizeans have been forced to witness the travesty of non-representation on the other side. The most glaring to date was former Queen Square Representative Sister B, who took the people and the nation for clowns by refusing to show up for any meeting of the House. But it is now getting worse.

For three days of Budget presentations, the nation witnessed robust representation from the Government side of the gallery, with every single member on that side present and accounted for, speaking on behalf of their constituencies. The other side, which we cannot call the UDP since we simply don't know if they are, was a sick, disgusting joke. Hugo Patt is the new Sister B, apparently so entitled that he feels he does not need to lobby for or represent his people in the House. He was a no-show for the three days of presentations. Miguel Guerra from Cayo West showed up briefly on the last day of presentations, apparently grudgingly so.

This cannot be allowed to continue. By now, ALL Belizeans are sick and tired of the rancid mess surrounding the UDP/Opposition/Alliance for Democracy. By now, ALL Belizeans know that Tracy Panton is every bit the joke that Shyne Barrow was/is. And if truth be told, by now every single Belizean, no matter which political persuasion or none, is done with that crowd, whoever they are. That is not the point.

Everybody understands the games being played by Hugo Patt and Miguel Guerra. Everybody knows that Tracy Panton is a lame duck, and, indeed, a dead duck. It's only a matter of time. Reality has to be faced. If the author of this Editorial can be allowed to borrow a few words from an eloquent former politician, Tracy does not have the 'physical or mental agility' to be leader. There may be a few people, a very few, who believe that a foot injury is what causes Tracy to wheeze and gasp every time she has something to say. Those same few may believe that a foot injury caused her to faint in the middle of her maiden presentation. And that's fine. But Tracy's political days are numbered. She does not enjoy the support of Hugo Patt or Miguel Guerra, who are still being incentivized by Shyne Barrow.

THAT IS NOT THE POINT. Every representative of every constituency owes it to their people to be there in the honourable House for every meeting. Every representative of every constituency is paid by the people they should serve, to speak on their behalf. It is a travesty and an injustice for the other side of the House to ALWAYS be missing representatives for sittings on end.

With that said, let this be said. Sometime after the three days of presentations, Tracy posted on Facebook patting herself on her ample back for a job well done in the House. What a sick joke. This woman, who loves to pretend that she is a representation of all women everywhere and is the first and only woman in the House, did the nation a disservice. She did her people a disservice. She was weak, and that reference is not even to her inglorious fainting spell. Her presentation was lacklustre and had no substance. And because her accusations were baseless and false, she was eviscerated by those on the government side who had facts with which to flog her.

The people on the other side of the gallery, whoever they are (UDP/Alliance/Other) since that is anybody's guess, have nothing to offer the Belizean people. Since it doesn't appear that they will be there much longer, the nation awaits the next instalment of the soap opera.

en Español

LOS DÉBILES DE CORAZÓN, MENTE Y CUERPO

Ya es hora, de hace tiempo, de que se modifique el reglamento de la Cámara para garantizar que los representantes que cobran del erario DEBAN estar presentes para hablar en nombre de su pueblo en cada sesión, o se enfrenten a graves repercusiones. Durante demasiado tiempo, los beliceños se han visto obligados a presenciar la farsa de la falta de representación en el otro lado. El caso más flagrante hasta la fecha fue el de la exrepresentante de Queen Square, Sister B que tomó al pueblo y a la nación por tontos al negarse a asistir a ninguna sesión de la Cámara. Pero ahora la situación está empeorando.

Durante los tres días de presentación del presupuesto, la nación fue testigo de una sólida representación del lado del Gobierno en la tribuna, con todos y cada uno de los miembros de ese lado presentes y dando cuenta de su presencia, hablando en nombre de sus electores. El otro lado, al que no podemos llamar UDP porque simplemente no sabemos si lo son, fue una broma enfermiza y repugnante. Hugo Patt es el nuevo Sister B, aparentemente tan privilegiado que cree que no necesita presionar ni representar a su pueblo en la Cámara. No se presentó durante los tres días de presentaciones. Miguel Guerra, de Cayo West, apareció brevemente el último día de presentaciones, aparentemente de mala gana.

No se puede permitir que esto continúe. A estas alturas, TODOS los beliceños están hartos del rancio desastre que rodea al UDP/Oposición/Alianza por la Democracia. A estas alturas, TODOS los beliceños saben que Tracy Panton es tan ridícula como lo era/es Shyne Barrow. Y, a decir verdad, a estas alturas todos los beliceños, independientemente de su ideología política o de si no tienen ninguna, están hartos de esa gente, sean quienes sean. Pero esa no es la cuestión.

Todo el mundo entiende los juegos a los que juegan Hugo Patt y Miguel Guerra. Todo el mundo sabe que Tracy Panton es un pato cojo, y de hecho un pato muerto. Es solo cuestión de tiempo. Hay que afrontar la realidad. Si se me permite citar unas palabras de un elocuente expolítico, Tracy no tiene la «agilidad física ni mental» para ser líder. Puede que haya algunas personas, muy pocas que crean que una lesión en el pie es lo que hace que Tracy jadee y resuelle cada vez que tiene algo que decir. Esas mismas pocas personas pueden creer que una lesión en el pie le hizo desmayarse en medio de su primera presentación. Y está bien. Pero los días políticos de Tracy están contados. No cuenta con el apoyo de Hugo Patt ni de Miguel Guerra que siguen recibiendo incentivos de Shyne Barrow.

Esa no es la cuestión. Todos los representantes de todos los distritos electorales tienen la obligación ante su pueblo de estar presentes en la honorable Cámara en todas las sesiones. Todos los representantes de todos los distritos electorales son pagados por las personas a las que deben servir, para hablar en su nombre. Es una farsa y una injusticia que al otro lado de la Cámara SIEMPRE falten representantes en las sesiones.

Dicho esto, hay que decir lo siguiente. En algún momento después de los tres días de presentaciones, Tracy publicó en Facebook felicitándose a sí misma por el buen trabajo realizado en la Cámara. Qué broma tan de mal gusto. Esta mujer, a la que le encanta fingir que es la representante de todas las mujeres y que es la primera y única mujer en la Cámara, le ha hecho un gran perjuicio a la nación. Le ha hecho un gran perjuicio a su pueblo. Fue débil, y no me refiero a su poco glorioso desmayo. Su presentación fue mediocre y careció de sustancia. Y como sus acusaciones eran infundadas y falsas, fue destruida por los miembros del Gobierno que tenían datos con que azotarla.

Las personas del otro lado de la tribuna sean quienes sean (UDP/ Alianza/Otros), ya que nadie lo sabe, no tienen nada que ofrecer al pueblo beliceño. como no parece que vayan a estar allí mucho más tiempo, la nación espera el próximo episodio de la telenovela.

Industrial Strategy with Green and Blue Industrial Policy Stakeholder Meeting

Remarks by
CEO NARDA GARCIA
Office of the Prime Minister
May 28, 2025



al Policies would place the country as a leader in utilizing ecofriendly policies to transform its economy, allow it to access foreign aid and capital, and make it consistent with its niche competitive advantage as an environmentally friendly investment destination. It can also leverage the country's strategic location to develop it as a regional trade and industrial hub by facilitating Belize's linkage to regional supply and logistic chains.

Policy preparation will entail conducting a comprehensive stakeholder consultation process, and a diagnostic of Belizean manufacturing and agro-processing capabilities using tools or value chain analysis to identify priorities as well as the possibility for implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency technology. The objective is to have a Green and Blue Industrial Policy and Strategy that would support the transition to economic structures that balance environmental sustainability, competitive advantages, and wealth creation to help catalyse economic growth in a sustainable way. In achieving this, Belize would be able to increase economic growth and reduced the poverty rate even further.

Using literature from several international institutions such as: IMF, World Bank, International Labour Organization, UNCTAD, OECD and UNIDO, it can be stated that the effective use of industrial policy in a small economy like Belize can support growth. However, governments should focus on identifying and nurturing sectors where the country has a latent comparative or competitive advantage, providing targeted support and removing constraints, while ensuring policies are well-designed and aligned with macro-economic stability.

By focusing on the following key principles, governments can effectively leverage industrial policies to promote economic growth in small economies.

1. Identify Latent Comparative and Competitive Advantages: Consider industries aligned with a country's endowment in natural resources and skills. Analyse market potential and identify opportunities for specialization and diversification.
 2. Design Targeted and Temporary Policies: Well-designed economic incentives, such as subsidies, tax breaks, or government procurement policies, can be effective. Temporary measures with sunset clauses can help avoid distorting the economy and create a more sustainable path for growth.
 3. Support Private Sector Participation: Create incentives for firms to act in ways that are consistent with the intended direction of structural change (e.g., innovation, investment). Consider public-private partnerships to encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing. Invest in infrastructure and human capital to remove constraints and create a more conducive business environment.
 4. Ensure Transparency and Accountability: Establish clear benchmarks and monitoring mechanisms to evaluate the effectiveness of policies.
 5. Consider Complementary Structural Reforms: Success of industrial policies may require complementary structural policies, such as tackling structural issues affecting the economy.
- These principles can be of use not only to Belize but to all CARICOM mem-

bers. It has been years that CARICOM has been working on its community industrial policy called for by the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC). In the communique emanating from their Thirty-third Inter-session Meeting held in Belize, March 1-2, 2022, the CARICOM Heads of Government recognized "the urgent need" for developing a community industrial policy strategy. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) also is encouraging to take advantage of a multi-billion market opportunity to create new industries that will lead to new economic prospects, intra-regional trade, and cross-border investments. CARICOM intends to achieve this goal by reducing its US\$6 billion food imports by 25 per cent by 2025. This is an opportunity for Belize to identify products that can be competitively traded in CARICOM. We wait with great expectation that with the grant provided by Japan specific recommendations can be made to propose and justify why the Technical Barriers to Trade that our CARICOM sister countries have in place should be eliminated. This one of CARICOM's greatest flaws. If that is not tackled, then our intraregional trade will continue to have growth constraints.

CARICOM intraregional trade is important for the region's growth and industrialization. Belize, like many CARICOM countries, has promoted industrialization not only through intraregional trade but also by encouraging foreign direct investment. This has been done in Belize by using fiscal incentives such as the Fiscal Incentives Act, Export Processing Zones Act now the Designated Processing Areas Act, and the Free Zones Act.

A Belize industrial policy and strategy is a necessary ingredient but will not by itself transform the country substantially. There must be strategic policy alignment, streamlining, at the very least, the innovation, development, investment, trade and MSMEs policies to ensure they cohere and support each other. If Belize is to take advantage of the CARICOM market, it not only requires fixing the problem of the Technical Barriers to Trade but also the costly intra-regional travel which does not support intra-CARICOM trade, economic growth, and job creation. Improving the ease of doing business and greater access to statistics and market information are essential for promoting trade and monitoring and evaluating the success of any policies. It also requires continue putting in place harmonized sustainable and WTO-compatible incentives for encouraging MSME exports and growth and for promoting domestic, regional, diaspora and foreign investment for sustainable development. The country's educational policy must also support its industrial policy. The important Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects which the Government of Belize is now implementing needs to be extended countrywide and properly funded.

Fostering industrial development is a complex challenge but leveraging on existing advantages and opportunities such as the blue and green economic activities can make it possible. Policymakers must periodically reassess their efforts and promptly abandon failures. There will be hits and misses, but, if officials consistently ask the right questions, their chances of success will be much higher. I would

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Good morning,
Dr. Anders Isaksson Chief, Division of Industrial Policy Advice and Capacity Development, other distinguished representatives of the United Nations Industry Development Organization, Distinguished Stakeholders, Industry Leaders, Development Partners, and Valued Guests,

Our Theme today is Charting Belize's Sustainable Future: Blue & Green Pathways to Prosperity

It is an honour to stand before you today as we gather to re-shape Belize's economic future—a future where sustainability and growth go hand in hand. Our mission is clear: to craft an industrial strategy that harnesses the power of our "blue economy" and "green economy" to drive innovation, create jobs, and protect the natural treasures that define our nation.

Belize is blessed with unparalleled marine ecosystems, lush forests, and a vibrant cultural heritage. But with these gifts comes a responsibility—to develop in a way that balances economic progress with environmental stewardship. Today, we take a decisive step toward that balance.

Today, there is an imperative for action!

The global landscape is shifting. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and economic volatility demand bold, adaptive strategies. Meanwhile, the world is looking to nations like Belize to lead in "sustainable tourism, agro-processing, renewable energy, and marine conservation." Our industrial strategy will position Belize not just as a participant, but as a "pioneer" in the blue and green economies.

Industrial policy is experiencing a resurgence. The IMF identified that there were more than 2,500 industrial policy interventions worldwide in 2023. That number has increased significantly in 2025. This time, it is the largest countries that are leading the resurgence as they seek to actively steer the structural transformation of their economies to advance green transition, to boost resilience of critical supply chains and to encourage innovation and domestic production for economic or national security reasons.

A few examples are China's Made in China 2025 and Belt and Road Initiative: European Chips Act, European Green Deal, EU's Horizon 2020, Strategic Forum for Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI), USA's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the Japanese Supply Chain Resilience Initiatives. Nevertheless, any industrial policy should be executed with care because its policy design, implementation, and governance are important to get it right.

Since 2021, the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU) of the Ministry of Investment has been organizing the groundwork for the creation of Belize's first industrial strategy. It has managed to get significant support and technical assistance from the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Since then, Belize has



prioritized the creation of its industrial strategy by stating its importance in its Plan Belize Medium Term Development Strategy 2022-2026, the National Investment Policy and Strategy 2022-2026, and the Belize Investment and Business Climate Action Plan (BIBCAP) 2024-2029. The IPCU/Ministry of Investment, in its quest to locate funding for the Industrial Strategy, received good news from UNIDO that the Government of Japan was interested to provide funding.

On December 14, in Tokyo, following the Japan-CARICOM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (in which Belize was represented), Japan and UNIDO signed and exchanged notes on the project entitled "The Project for Industrial Development and Technology Transfer in the Member States of the Caribbean Community". The Government of Japan extended its grant assistance to the CARICOM countries through this project. UNIDO will cooperate with Japan and CARICOM countries on implementing the project. The funding from Japan amounts to 730 million yen (approx. 5.1 million USD). Belize has been informed by UNIDO that it will receive significant support from this project.

It is envisioned that a Belize Industrial Strategy with Green and Blue Industrial Policy contain a wide range of recommendations paying special attention to technology transfer to support growth and development of Belize's industrial capacity in an environmentally sustainable way. These policy and strategy recommendations are intended to support the realization of the Government's Plan Belize agenda being integrated into all the national development plans, with an inclination towards our international commitments of carbon neutrality.

Any green and blue industrial policies in the industrial strategy will need to review business processes such as applications for land, environmental clearance, licenses, building permits, incentives etc, and consider the need to improve turnaround time of approvals for permits and clearances so as to conform with the recommended strategies. The Industrial strategy will also need to consider Belize's agreements with CARICOM, Guatemala, El Salvador, Taiwan, and the one being negotiated with Mexico.

The Industrial Strategy with Green and Blue Industrial Policies can certainly be a driver for Belize's economic growth. The inclusion of Green and Blue Industri-

RIVA BATTAM

Gimme Way

We know you'll think we're just funning, but this one is true true. Less than fifteen minutes after Tracy's eyes rolled back in the House and the ambulance was called, the Hattieville Police checkpoint alerted security at the House that Shyne Barrow had just sped past on his way to Belmopan, claiming that he had to take over from Tracy and finish the presentation. Madam LOO, we wish you no ill, but we know somebody who is praying for your demise and has no aversion to trying wah lee obeah to get the job done. We're really glad the smelling salts worked to wake you up and you were able to finish, cause we keep hoping we've seen the last of Shyne Jamal Moses Bin Laden Barrow. We've gotta say though, to be honest, that between Tracy and Shyne, they are the gifts that keep on giving.

Boots the Builder

Enough is enough now. This man needs to go to jail. Everybody is always calling him a crackhead, and that's fine. If he loves crack he loves crack, and that's his business. But honestly, for the entirety of this man's political career he has been corrupt. Missing equipment from Works, fake contractors who have never held a hammer, money paid into accounts and then transferred to his, housing for the poor which was actually a hustle to make Boots rich. When do we as a people say enough? We're not even joking about this one. Somebody needs to lash up Boots just like how Budna get lash up. If its any consolation, we hear that there's a criminal investigation in the works, and an audit into Housing for the Poor, which benefitted from millions in taxpayer dollars during the UDP's term in office. We also hear that the Integrity Commission has been mobilized, and with the FIU, will be doing a deep dig into Boots' finances. Wait for it cause we're not gonna let up on this one.

Bigger than Boots

Boots might be just a corrupt crack-head scum-sucker, so they say, but we are told the investigation into how he acquired 13 acres of prime land on the George Price Highway in the name of his fake NGO will be all encompassing. The people need to know Dean Oliver Barrow's role in all this. He knew about Housing for the Poor, and he knew taxpayer dollars were being siphoned into Housing for the Poor. Dean ain't no dodo bird, so he must have known that so much was going into Boots' NGO, but nothing was coming out. He was Minister of Finance and had a duty to safeguard taxpayer dollars. He sure as hell failed miserably. And there's more. Who signed off on the land papers for the 13 acres? Who signed off on the 2.5 acres of Belizean beach for \$1000? Everything will come to light soon.

Don Beto

I could shed a tear for Tracy, I swear. What a difference time makes. Not so long ago, before that court ruling, she was big and bad. And now she's just big. She had to eat her own vomit and is now begging Don Beto, also known as Alberto August, to please be invited to the National Party Council scheduled for a couple weeks. It's hilarious, and yet sad. The UDP is planning its 2025 Resetting and Unification Agenda, whatever that is, and Tracy is no part of it. Imagine having to beg for an invitation to a party after you spent the past months kicking the hosts of the party and calling them names. Wow! One thing is relatively certain. Until further orders, Shyne Barrow is UDP. And you best believe that Shyne has no use for Tracy, Lee Mark or Godwin Haylock. This one is a must watch for those craving entertainment.

BSIF Delivers A Safer Learning Environment Completion of San Estevan School Roof Rehabilitation

May 22 - The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) officially handed over the rehabilitated roof of San Estevan Roman Catholic Primary School to the faculty, staff, and students—marking the technical completion of a project that brings renewed safety and comfort to more than 320 learners and teachers in the Orange Walk District.

Funded by the Government of Belize through BSIF's Community Development Programme, the project replaced the school's aging, leaking roof with a modern, water-tight system that meets national building standards. Works executed by Kelly & Son's General Construction Ltd. included:

- Complete demolition and removal of the deteriorated galvanized sheets and damaged structural members.
- Installation of new 26-gauge pre-painted R-profile galvanized sheeting, ridge caps, flashings, fascia boards, and a six-inch PVC OG guttering system with downpipes and splash pads.
- Upgraded ceiling assembly for the verandah featuring PVC ceiling panels anchored to existing joists, R-19 batt insulation for thermal efficiency, and full electrical fixture reinstatement.

This achievement was made possible through the valued support of Orange Walk Central Area Representative, Prime Minister John Briceño, the Chairlady of the San Estevan Village Council, Rosaura Chan and BSIF Executive Director, Carlos Tun.

BSIF Technical Unit Coordinator Nader Charaf applauded the collaboration between community stakeholders and government agencies saying, "Today's technical transfer is more than a roof; it is an investment in our children's right to learn in a secure, healthy environment. BSIF remains committed to empowering Belizean communities through resilient infrastructure."

Principal Mrs. Leticia Perez expressed gratitude on behalf of the school, "I feel relief that we are no longer displaced and finally getting back into the classrooms. The new roof and works done now give our students the peace of mind to focus on their studies." (release)



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San Pedro Town A.C.

Deadline for Applications: June 13, 2025

VACANCY FOR TRAINER / PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Requirements:

Applicant must:

- 1) Have knowledge of Volleyball
- 2) Have experience in preparing Strength Training programs specific to an athlete for different cycles of preparation
- 3) Have experience in physical therapy for athlete maintenance and injury rehabilitation
- 4) Have experience in sport massage
- 5) Be able to assist in recording statistics during training sessions for use in the evaluation of athlete performance and productivity.
- 6) Assist in practice to drill fundamentals and techniques from Beginners to senior Level
- 7) Have knowledge in tournament organization from schedule preparation to actualization of the tournament.
- 8) Be able to assist as a referee when called upon
- 9) Be willing to work flexible hours and on week-ends.

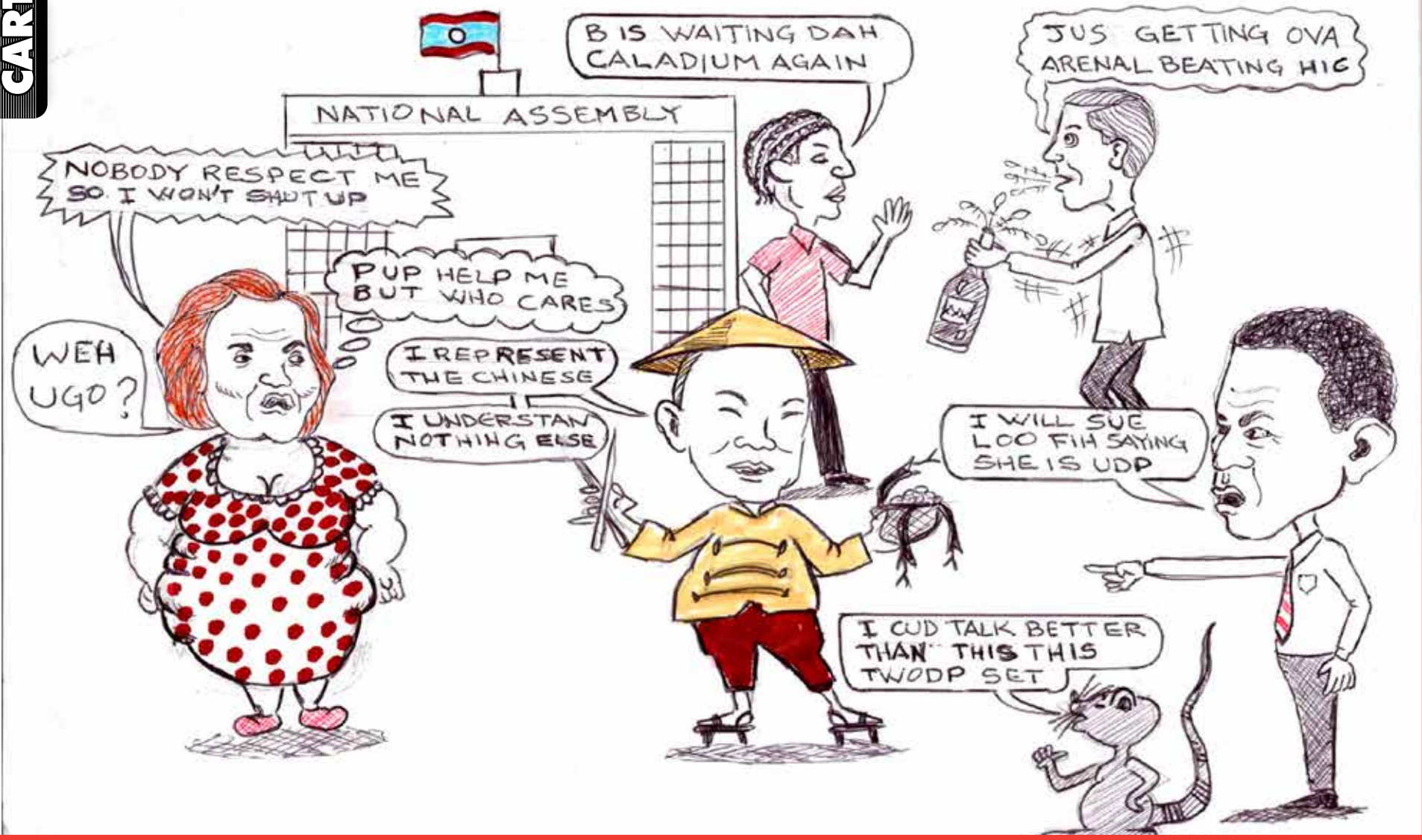
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Stars Volleyball
50 Princess Margaret Drive
Belize City, Belize

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Hon. John Briceño

BUDGET 2025 – 2026

Debate Wrap-up

May 28

Mr. Speaker,
The various contributions over these debate days have been highly engaging, providing the Honourable House and the listening public with key details and interesting perspectives on our National Budget proposals. In wrapping up this debate and recommending that Honourable Members approve this Bill, I acknowledge the presentations of all Members, including those on the other side of the aisle who were present and represent the interests of their constituents. For our side, I feel extremely proud. It is clear to see that our members did their research, studied their Budget Books, and presented well.

I do not propose to respond in granular detail to the criticisms that the Opposition Members have levied. That is their job, we understand. They have a duty to criticise, to see the glass half empty. They collect a salary to be cynical, perhaps to sow doubt, but they also collect a salary to make constructive contributions on behalf of the people they represent.

In the case of the Leader of the Opposition, the LOO, Mr. Speaker, her dramatic pivot - her startling metamorphosis – to being Critic-in-Chief, as pointed out by the Deputy Prime Minister, has been particularly glaring since for her previous years in this House and a Minister of State, she saw nothing but milk and honey in the UDP Budgets. Nothing but milk and honey even as her administration pushed Belize to the literal brink of default and devaluation. She was silent as her government borrowed a million dollars a day just to pay salaries. But if those on the other side can't see, or choose not to see, the immense change that has swept the country since 2020, a transformation ratified in bold letters by the Belizean people on the 12th March, then there is nothing I can say today that will sway them.

How can economic growth at almost four times the historic rate – 8.2 percent in 2024, not elicit commendations from the Leader of the Opposition? In fact, we have had average economic growth of over 8 percent every year since we were elected to office in 2020.

How can our FDI program not be a reason for her to celebrate? Foreign Direct Investment (FDI's) in 2024 alone generated 368 million dollars. In fact, due to our successful fiscal incentive program from 2021 to 2024 this PUP administration generated 1.2 billion dollars in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Of course, as a former Minister of State for Trade and Investment, she could never boast of FDI earnings anywhere near these numbers.

How can employment, at almost 98 percent, not elicit her enthusiastic approval? Perhaps it is not that she lacks enthusiasm but was misinformed or misunderstood. The LOO, in wanting to cast a dark shadow over the historic low unemployment numbers which presently exist, said that our labour force had decreased by 26,000. Well, let me fact check you on that Member for Albert: In September 2020, the labour Force was 156,546. Unemployment was 13.8 percent and under employment was 23.8 percent; 129,653 persons were not in the labour force. In September 2024, the labour force was 166,206. Unemployment was 2.1 percent; underemployment was 2.2 percent. The labour force participation rate in 2020 was 54.7 percent and last September labour force participation was 56.3 percent. ALL, the indicators show growth in the labour force and ALL the indicators show that unemployment under this administration is at record lows something never achieved by the UDP in 13 years in office.

Mr. Speaker, How can the Leader of the Opposition not appreciate the incredible reduction to the public debt, now at around 60 percent of GDP and half the astronomical 132 percent at which the UDP left it? And how can she and her colleagues not appreciate, that despite all the massive investments in education, in health care and the sprawling NHI, the spending on roads, streets, bridges and drains as well as the allocations to citizen and border security.

This Government is proposing a Budget with a primary SURPLUS of \$106 million? Earlier this month, the IMF prepared an Assessment Letter of Belize's current macroeconomic and fiscal performance. The letter was in connection with Belize's participation in the World Bank's Development Policy Credit. In that letter, the IMF concluded, and I quote: ***"Belize's economy has performed remarkably well."*** The IMF cited the 8.2 percent growth rate for 2024 and projecting a 2025 growth rate well above the historic average of 2 to 2.3 percent. The letter pointed to an inflation rate of 1.4 percent in March of this year – allow me to repeat that number for emphasis - 1.4 percent inflation in March of 2025. And they expect the inflation rate to fall by another 25 basis points, to 1.25 percent in over the medium term. The fact shows exactly what the IMF predicted that inflation is currently at 1.3 percent. I am sure that the Leader of the Opposition, a former trade and investment minister of state knows that our inflation is driven for the most part by our imports.

Mr. Speaker the Leader of the Opposition said ask the people out there if they are feeling any of this. **I can answer that with an equivocal YES!**

See I am out there on the ground. And our Ministers just told you and the nation, speaker after speaker spoke about the success, of putting land in the hands of Belizeans. They told you about the hundreds of single moms who now own a starter house, of the many Belizeans who are working, 16,000 alone in the BPO sector, of the number of cars on our roads of the record number of children who get school assistance.

Need I remind those on the other side about the happiness index report which shows that Belizeans are happy. Things nice Mr. Speaker! Belizeans feel good about where we are and where we are going. I quote further from the IMF letter: ***"Staff expects the current account deficit to narrow to 1.4 percent of GDP by 2030"*** due to, among other factors, higher tourism receipts and the projected improvements to the terms of trade. They write that the "public debt has declined substantially since the pandemic, attributing this reduction to a strong economic recovery, large fiscal consolidation and two debt reduction operations. Public debt is now firmly on a downward path and projected to fall to 54.5 percent of GDP by 2030."

I quote again: "At this level, public debt would **remain below the 70 percent of GDP target in the Authorities' 2021 Medium Term Recovery Plan** with 95 percent probability given historical shocks and it would be **in line with the debt level in emerging market economies with investment grade sovereign credit ratings.**"

Allow me to underscore the two distinct fiscal accomplishments of this Administration that are being confirmed by this IMF statement: First, that at 54.5 percent, this Administration has over-achieved, has exceeded its own target of a debt to GDP ratio of 70 percent. That target was for 2030. We are now in 2025. So, Belize has hit its debt target 5 years ahead of time.

And second, **Belize's performance is on par with investment grade sovereign credit ratings.** The Leader of the Opposition and those on the other side can correct me if I am wrong but investment grade sovereign credit ratings are NOT something that the UDP Administration came even close to attaining for the 13 years they were in Government. We have attained the equivalent of investment grade in less than 5 years.

This is NOT my opinion of the Government's performance.
This is NOT the Cabinet's opinion. This is not a PUP opinion.
This is the opinion of the IMF, the institution known to be the most castigatory fiscal policeman on



Planet Earth. And this is an opinion dated the 15th May 2025, less than two weeks ago.

In 2008 the Wage Bill was 240 million dollars. In 2020 when we too office, the Wage Bill had reached 461million dollars. At present the wage bill is 584 million dollars. Under the UDP, the payroll almost doubled in 12 years, increasing by 92 percent or an average increase of 7.7 percent per annum. As a comparison, the average salary per worker on the other has increased by over 26 percent in that same period from \$30,000 to \$37,000. If it is that the LOO is trying to make the point that this administration is hiring too many workers, she is wrong.

In 2020, the public officer work force was 15,331, currently it is 15,662. The public officer workforce therefore has increased by less than 350 new persons or around 2 percent over a period of roughly 5 years.

Now, as I said in my Budget Presentation and as many of our Ministers and Representatives have echoed during this Debate, the economy and the public finances are not perfect. I know of no country whose economy and public finances are perfect. But Belize has come a long way down a new track since 2020. This new track has bolstered public revenues, redirected public spending to the areas that most improve the lives of our citizens, reduced borrowing, and interest payments, and transformed the public finances to where even the IMF now believe that Belize is investment grade.

Another issue raised by the Leader of the Opposition was about Government's wage bill. Again, let me lay out the facts or maybe I should say remind her of the facts. This IS the right track. And no amount of boilerplate (or chat GPT) criticisms, no serving of cynicisms, no doom and gloom vibes, and no Cassandra from the other side, will take us off our track.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the Hon. Member from Cayo South. We have done a lot and yes, we would love to do more. For example, more houses, streets, roads, bridges, hospitals, and clinics. We want to expansion electricity and water, expand free education, double the salaries of teachers and much more. But we must be prudent managers. We cannot spend what we do not have. So, I thank my colleagues for being understanding and for having the discipline to work with what we have. **We proudly say the Peoples' United Party is the party of Social Justice.**

Let me know address the issue of the teachers, all the teachers not just the union members but the more than 5,000 teachers, most of whom reported to class today. Mr. Speaker, this government remains fully committed to dialogue and continues to address this matter in good faith. Our teachers are valued, and they are being heard. In fact, it is because we recognise their importance that our government took the decisive step of assuming full responsibility for their salaries and benefits at the start of the last academic year. It is because we are listening that the Ministry of Education maintains regular engagement with the BNTU. A historic joint agreement signed in January stands as proof of this commitment. Under that agreement, the Ministry pledged to implement multiple measures, from scholarships to cutting bureaucratic hurdles, all aimed at easing the challenges our educators face and elevating the teaching profession. This government do not just speak to our teachers; we collaborate with them. Because only through collaboration and shared purpose can we fulfil our mission: ensuring every child is equipped with the knowledge and skills to build a brighter future for themselves and contribute to nation building. We on this side stand by our teachers today, tomorrow, and always. Because investing in them is investing in Belize's future.

Mr. Speaker it would be remiss of me not to take a moment to offer my thanks to the amazing people of Orange Walk Central who from the first day I entered politics have stood with me, in good times and in bad. Their support has been steadfast. Like most Belizeans, they are working people who ask of me just to work hard for them every day. I try to meet that expectation to the best of my ability each day. Together we have done a lot: we paved roads, we built new schools, new parks, and playgrounds we connected San Estavan and Orange Walk town with a full paved road.

Finally, Mr. Speaker let me say this. I join with others in expressing joy in seeing our first woman Leader of the Opposition. It is as she said, historic. By way of advice, I want to say to the Leader of the Opposition that Her's is not an easy one. She must understand that her gender does not exempt her from the slings and arrows of her station. I remind the leader of the Opposition that for 13 years the Hon. Member for Freetown and me as Leaders of the Opposition were insulted and vilified by her leader. Some of the meanest and sharpest personal attacks where hurled at many of us on this side by the former Prime Minister. All while she and her colleagues clapped and laughed.

While we on this side will never reduce ourselves to those levels, we will not powder the LOO. We will demand from her the level of debate and, yes, banter that befits her office. You are in the kitchen now Leader, you must know how to handle the heat.

Let me also say this. I agree with the Member from Caribbean Shores. I too find it a complete dereliction of duty and an insult; a slap in the face of the people of Corozal North that the Member from Corozal North choose to be absent for this debate. I will not dabble in UDP politics, all of us are paid to represent the interest of our constituents and that he chose to be absent is inexcusable and plain cowardly.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Madam Speaker; I thank you and the Member for Belize Rural North for managing the debate over the last 3 days. I believe it went well, and I think on both sides we can agree you were fair.

Let me also say thank you to the member from Mesopotamia, who in an act of comity prepared some very excellent Singapore style chow mien for all of us. I am sure with time his debating skills will catch up to his excellent cooking skills. For sure he and the member for Queen Square have a-ways to go and we look forward to debating you in the months to come.

Mr. Speaker, this is the kind of fraternity we want. Yes, let us argue passionately and respectfully. We agree to disagree, but always in the best interest of the nation. Let us never forget we are all fighting for the betterment of our people and nation.

Mr. Speaker, we are unshakably focused on planBelize 2.0, on the pledges overwhelmingly approved by the electorate on March 12, bold pledges that will accelerate Belize's ascension to the exclusive club of countries whose citizens are safe, productive, proud, and happy.

I therefore commend this Bill to the House for second reading.

Thank you!

CSCN 2025 WEBINAR SERIES UNLOCKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE



On Thursday, May 22, 2025, Belize City led the Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Network (CSCN) Webinar that was facilitated by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) and was launched in 2024 along with project partners.

The webinar titled “Unlocking Local Government Finance” marked the first session of the CSCN’s new 2025 webinar series. Belize City was invited to open the series and Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller represented Mayor Wagner and the Belize City Council (BCC), highlighting the BCC leadership in municipal finance reform in the Caribbean region. Regarding the finance reform, pertinent to Belize City’s journey from relying solely on the central government’s subvention to the introduction of municipal securities, Mr. Ervin Perez, Managing Director of Legacy Fund Limited (Belize City Council’s financial advisors) highlighted the transition from the Municipal Paper Act to the more modern Municipal Securities Regulations 2023. It is the understanding that the approach to the city’s development and reliance on the Central government’s financial mechanism may no longer serve the local government structure and its challenges.

In October 2023, Prime Minister, John Briceño introduced the Municipal Securities Bill in Parliament giving the cities more autonomy and ease regarding the floating of municipal bonds. At the time PM Briceño suggested that securities “... is usually the cheaper way, more efficient way of borrowing by the municipalities.” Additionally, PM Briceño viewed then that upon the passing of the legislation it would circumvent the municipalities having to go to the National Assembly for approval. Importantly, municipal securities allow local municipalities to finance their investments without burdening the central government. In his opening remarks, the Deputy Mayor submitted the need for cities like Belize to explore creative sustainable financing mechanisms in response to the limited fiscal space, climate vulnerability, and service delivery demands. Hence, the Belize City Council’s reform approach to unlocking government finance. Incidentally, Deputy Mayor, Miller emphasized that “Unlocking finance at the local level is not just about raising money- it’s about building trust, enabling transformation, and taking ownership of our future as cities.” Belize City’s model as a leader of finance reform through the legislative process is indicative of small being great.

One of the takeaways is that municipalities can play a more active role in development financing when supported by the right legal framework and technical capacity as evident in the respondent city reflection of South Africa. In a cross-regional response Mr. James Matsie, Municipal Infrastructure Finance Specialist at the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) shared a reflection on how Belize City’s

municipal securities journey compares with South Africa’s own experience in decentralizing finance and enabling local government to access infrastructure funding. Belize City’s experience shared by Deputy Miller revealed that 150 streets were rehabilitated through the financing mechanism between 2023 and 2024. A key transformation occurred in the Holy Emanuel (Gungulung) area development that changed the lives of the residents on the mantra of leaving no one behind. Locally known as “London Bridges”, makeshift bridges, were replaced with safe, durable pathways, with additional improvements to drainage and infrastructure made possible.

The Belize City case highlighted the importance of credibility, transparency, and partnership between local government and the private sector.

The session had the active participation of representatives from across the Commonwealth, including India, Pakistan, Uganda, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, Belize and other Commonwealth cities and other partners. Once again the Belize City Council under the stewardship of Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Deputy Mayor, Eluide Miller and the cadre of the competent supporting cast of councilors, City Administration and staff continue to place Belize on the international stage of sustainable development. The work continues!

By Hilly Bennett

Rural Belize Confidence in the PUP

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS FOR MAY 25, 2025			
DISTRICT	PUP	UDP	INDEPENDENT
COROZAL	7	2	0
ORANGE WALK	0	0	0
BELIZE	5	0	1
CAYO	4	0	0
STANN CREEK	10	0	2
TOLEDO	6	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNCILS WON	32	2	3
TOTAL NUMBE OF CANDIDATES WON	223	19	17
PERCENTAGE OF SEATS WON	86.10%	7.34%	6.56%

The Village Council elections is deja ja vu all over again at a greater power. THE PUP is getting bigger and bigger mandates. The General Elections has two candidates winning by default or six percent. The village councils have 10 or so entire slates winning uncontested every week.

Village council uncontested slates usually means the village is united. Now it means that the have high confidence in the PUP government and means that the UDP is non-existent around the country. But the no-contests is a continued disrespect by the pseudo-party.

The TWODP are fighting for leadership but not to serve the people. People will remember now their criminal level corruption of the 2008-2020 reign of terror AND now the disrespect of not even trying to mount an opposition all over the country. Tracy says they are rebuilding; it seems that she is rebuilding only her ability to lead a ghost as a Party she has not.

Village Council 2025 is the 8th major election cycle the UDP is losing along with the UDP slanted media. Failed in 2018 Municipals, 2019 VCs, 2020 General, 2021 Municipals, 2022 VCs, 2024 Municipals, and the 2025 General Elections all failures for the UDP and their UDP media. How do they still get advertisement dollars?

The people of Belize are the ones that provide the balance and impetus to the planBelize government of Belize. The PUP governed transparently and accountable for an entire term without a formal Opposition. Let the work continue!!

Support for 80 MSMEs: Doubles Target EMPOWERING COASTAL COMMUNITIES UK-FUNDED LSAP PROJECT CELEBRATES MILESTONES IN BELIZE



26 May 2025 - The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK FCDO), in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), and BELTRAIDE, proudly highlights the achievements and upcoming milestones of the Livelihoods Strategy and Action Plan (LSAP) under the UK Caribbean Infrastructure Fund (UKCIF).

As part of the wider UKCIF Coastal Road Upgrading Project, made possible through a \$32 million grant from the UK FCDO, the LSAP aims to build economic resilience and create sustainable livelihood opportunities in Gales Point Village and Mullins River Village.

Key achievements to date include:

- Formalization and registration support for 80 Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), including 43 female-owned and 37 male-owned businesses.
- Entrepreneurial development training for 72 participants, of which 59 completed the certification.
- An upcoming Buy Belizean Expo in Dangriga Town on June 14, 2025, featuring 14 MSMEs and 6 formalization and support agencies.

On May 24, 2025, a certificate ceremony was held at Gales Point Village Primary School to recognize the accomplishments of 59 participants who completed the Entrepreneurial Development Training Program. This training focused on sustainable, community-based business development and was facilitated by BELTRAIDE through its Small Business Development Centre (SBDCBelize).

This milestone reflects the joint commitment of UK FCDO, CDB, MIDH, BSIF and BELTRAIDE to inclusive economic development, job creation, and community empowerment. The LSAP target was to support the formalization of 40 MSMEs; the actual number, 80 businesses, represents double the target, showcasing strong community engagement and a deepening commitment to entrepreneurship in both villages. (release)

LETTER TO THE Editor

A New Generation of Leaders in the House

Dear Editor,

The House of Representatives has welcomed a wave of fresh energy and promise with the addition of Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Hon. Devin Daly, and Hon. Marconi Leal Jr.—all newly elected leaders bringing new perspectives and renewed hope to the national discourse. Alongside them is the Hon. Osmond Martinez, who returned to the House following a decisive by-election victory last July.

These representatives embody the evolution of Belizean politics: diverse, dynamic, and deeply connected to the people they serve. Hon. Garcia-Ramirez’s advocacy for equity and transparency, Hon. Daly’s connection with youth and sports, Hon. Leal Jr.’s strong community ties, and Hon. Martinez’s proven record of development and service offer a sturdy foundation for continued progress.

Their presence is a sign that Belizeans are paying attention—rewarding performance, passion, and principle. The electorate has shown it is no longer satisfied with empty rhetoric but demands results, engagement, and integrity.

We encourage these leaders to remain grounded, consultative, and focused on delivering for their constituents. The challenges ahead are real, but with courage and collaboration, they can help Belize continue on its path of transformation.

The people have placed their trust in you. Now is the time to lead boldly and serve faithfully.

Sincerely,
J Smith

The National Agriculture and Trade Show in ON

“Integrating Sustainable Food Systems: Mitigating Climate Change, Strengthening Agricultural Resilience.”

Friday May 30 to Sunday June 1

The LOOOOOG list of events at the NATS is a must this weekend in the city of Belmopan....the Capital of the Country. Make no mistake, this is a NATION-AL event hosted at this venue since 1970 at the birth of the Capital. Record show that the first shows were in Belize City on April 2-3, 1937. Now the “Agric” features Farmer of the Year, School Garden awards, Cooperative awards, Concerts, Rodeo, Livestock shows, Agricultural displays, Dog Show, Cabalgata, Culinary booths, and an endless list of pop-up from phone companies to children goodies. It is a must both for tourists and Belizeans. It is a chance to see the vibrant Jose Mai Ministry of Agriculture whose Food Security and export policy is the envy of the region and beyond.

First ever Agricultural Co-operative of the Year competition at NATS 2025

May 28 - Following on last week’s judging for the Agricultural Co-operative of the Year, a winner has been selected. The two finalists were Concepcion Vegetable Farmers Co-operative of Concepcion Village, Corozal and Sayab Farmers Co-operative of San Antonio Village, Cayo.

Concepcion Vegetable Farmers started in Concepcion Village, Corozal as an informal group of twenty-three farmers, back in February, 2020, who sought to better organize themselves due to marketing challenges that they were experiencing as individuals. At that time, given the restrictions of the pandemic, they were forced to meet outdoors and in the fields. But with determination they persevered and were formally registered as co-operative on June 3, 2022. Today, they are ten members, nine males and one female, who engage in the production and marketing of mainly vegetables, i.e., cabbage, carrots, cilantro, lettuce and onions and some fruit, i.e., cantaloupe, watermelon, and tomato. Their strong bond has enabled them to develop into a cohesive enterprise that has benefitted from various projects and one that now distributes its products to the Corozal Town, Orange Walk Town, and Belize City markets.

Sayab Farmers also started as an informal group in February, 2006 in San Antonio Village, Cayo. With ten members initially engaged in baked products, they soon shifted focus to the production of organic vegetables. They started with one cover structure (greenhouse); however, this was later destroyed by hurricane. Their dedication and hard work though, was recognized and they were able to receive funding to reconstruct the structure. Deciding to make the transition to formal enterprise, they engaged in the processes and were registered as a co-operative on July 22, 2022. Today, nine males and eight females, including five youth, make a membership of seventeen. Specializing in the production of bell peppers, both green and coloured, green leafy vegetables, such as cilantro, lettuce, kale, and arugula, herbs, such as basil, mint, and parsley, along with tomatoes, papayas, and peanuts they distribute directly to the resorts and restaurants of San Ignacio, to the markets of Belize City and San Ignacio, and to their home community. They have also initiated some agro-processing.

So close was the competition and so impressed with the work of both co-operatives were the judges and funder, they decided that rather than what was the

original intent of awarding one prize, that they had to award a consolation. Declared the winner of the first ever Agricultural Co-operative of the Year are Sayab Farmers Co-operative Society Ltd. They will receive BZ\$2,000 in agricultural inputs. Concepcion Vegetable Farmers Co-operative Society Ltd. placed a near second and will receive BZ\$1,500 in inputs. (release)

Not just for the monetary benefit but more so for the brand identity and recognition it bestows, the Department of Co-operatives, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, GEF-SGP UNDP, and BEST hopes that this first competition serves to inspire and motivate other agricultural co-operatives to intensify their efforts at enhancing their organizational and productive processes.

May 22, 2025: On 19 June 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming 2025 as the second International Year of Cooperatives. The text of the resolution recommends ways to celebrate and encourages all Member States, the United Nations, and relevant stakeholders to leverage

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The National Agriculture and Trade Show in ON

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this event to promote cooperatives' contribution to social and economic development. With this in mind, and following a request from the Department of Co-operatives, the National Agriculture and Trade Show Organizing Committee and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, & Enterprise approved for the presentation of a winner of the first ever Agricultural Co-operative of the Year competition at NATS 2025.

The competition, designed by the Department of Co-operatives and funded by the GEF-Small Grants Programme Belize of UNDP, evaluates and scores agricultural co-operatives based on the following criteria: innovation, governance and participation, identity, sustainability, capital, and legal framework. Two finalists were selected: Concepcion Vegetable Farmers Co-operative of Concepcion Village, Corozal and Sayab Farmers Co-operative of San Antonio Village, Cayo. A judging panel comprising personnel of GEF-Small Grants Programme Belize of UNDP and Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology (BEST) was established, and they undertook their evaluations via field visits and interviews on May 20, 2025 in Concepcion and May 21, 2025 in San Antonio.

Opening Ceremony Launch of Collaborative Baking and Entrepreneurship Training



On May 29th, 2025, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Taiwan ICDF, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration, officially launched the Unlock Your Baking Potential training program.

This six-week initiative, facilitated by Mrs. Ila Reid of Ila's Pastry House, will provide 20 women and men from Belize City with hands-on training in traditional Belizean pastry-making and essential entrepreneurship skills.

The Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children expresses sincere gratitude to the Government and People of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for generously funding this important initiative.

Today's opening ceremony marked the beginning of a transformative journey toward economic empowerment, cultural preservation, and community development. We look forward to the successful completion of this impactful program and are excited to see the creativity, skills, and culinary excellence that the participants will bring to life. (Office of the Special Envoy release)

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Minister Garcia-Ramirez - Tour of Human Development Facilities *Wraps Up In-Depth*



May 23, 2025 - Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs, concluded a comprehensive tour this week, visiting key social service departments and engaging directly with both staff and beneficiaries.

The tour included stops at The HUB (Community Rehabilitation Department), the Women and Family Support Department, and the Department of Human Services. It also included two of the five residential care facilities managed by the departments: the New Beginnings Youth Development Centre and the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter.

Today, at the Department of Human Services, the Minister had a highly interactive and enlightening session with the staff. The team discussed the department's challenges and shared their insights on improving services. The Minister assured them of her commitment to incorporating their input into future planning.

"The conversations I've had this week have been incredibly meaningful. I've heard the passion, the frustration, and the hope from those who do the hard work every day. Our job now is to take that feedback and turn it into action," said Minister Garcia-Ramirez.

This tour represents the Ministry's ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and people-centered policy development. (release)



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Japanese Dignitary Visits

The Prime Minister of Belize, Foreign Minister and the people of Belize, welcomed Parliamentary Vice Minister in the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs of Japan Hon. Eri Arfiya to Belize.

PM Briceño: "Our courtesy visit discussed issues of freedom, democracy, justice and human rights, the effects of climate change on both our countries. We expressed commitment to our mutual steadfast support and friendship as partners."

Belize has a long-standing warm



and fruitful relationship with Japan as this visit endorses. This year 2025 signifies the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the JICA Belize office, as well as the inception of the JICA volunteer program in Belize.



LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Adjiezer P. Samos** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Pink Patio"** located in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Miriam G. Tamay** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"MIM3S Fast Service"** located in San Jose Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guadalupe Magana** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Bravo Hub"** located in Blue Creek Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Maritza Romero** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Aileen's Store"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Daniela R. Martinez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"D-Hide-Out"** located in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Norma G. Quiroz** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"N & G Bamboo Grill"** located in San Jose Palmar Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Teresa L. Bonell** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Carmelita Fast Food"** located in Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mason C. Soberanis** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"M & Y Fast Food"** located at # 37 Mapp Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jordan J. Casimiro** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"J & J's Kitchen"** located on Said Musa Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



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VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN
**THE GUTTER SNIPER, RAKE
AND SCRAPE UDP, THIEVERY
OF THE BELIZEAN SOUL**

By Hilly Bennett

There has been a public outcry over the selling of the Belizean patrimony, the Belizean soul, and the Belizean Beach, amidst the thundering silence of the opposition United Democratic Party (UDP) on the egregious situation. The stir follows a video showing a Belizean, Mr. Gregory Thurton, being denied access to what Belizeans considered their own, Belizean Beach. To compound this serious atrocity, the Belize Coast Guard was attempting the acquire the 2.5 acres of land known as Belizean Beach, only to find out that the parcel of land was sold to a private individual, John Pollard, for a measly 1,000 dollars. Additionally, in the UDP's usual rake and scrape modus operandi, almost annexed to Belizean Beach under the guise of the phantom NGO 'Housing For the Poor', **another prime beachfront property has landed in the hands of former UDP minister Boots Martinez and is being resold for a whopping 11 million dollars.** This regards lots 2384 and 2385 13 acres of a prime stretch of land from the George Price Highway to the sea that was purchased in 2016 for a 'brata' price of 25,428 dollars.

While the former leader of the country and the leader of the UDP Dean Barrow bestowed his blessings on the dubious 'for the poor' project in 2009, today the LOO, Panton says it is simply a matter for the government to reacquire it and that there is allocation in the budget to do that. That is a disgraceful display of arrogance and UDP political deflection. However, there was a sense of comfort offered in Parliament during the budget when Deputy Prime Minister, Cordel Hyde, scoldingly uttered "Boots, you have gone too far". Taking advantage of the poor should be considered a mortal sin. Not to be overlooked Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, PM Briceño, DPM Hyde, Hon. Henry Usher, Hon. Kareem Usher, and others vigorously called for a government reacquisition of this, the Belizean soul.

It is with sincere hope that the government will not allow this transgression on the Belizean people to fade away. Especially because, the plot of land would give many of the country's Southside residents including Port Loyola a safe space for recreation and entertainment adding to their quality of life experiences. However, Tracy failed to look into the mirror, and using her nonsensical diatribes of corruption on steroids, she was brought back to the realities of the UDP after 13 years of incompetence and wanton corruption. DPM Hyde asked Tracy "Where were you?"

The question was whether the LOO had the luxury of being in Barrow's Cabinet when the scandalous decisions of corruption were being made. Tracy was reminded that one of the most odorous decisions was the giving away of "Fi We Boledo". Brads was giving pittance in just license fees. Today, Belize Government Lotteries Limited have realized 17 million in profits in the first year of reporting. DPM Hyde asked Tracy all dressed up in her angelic red garb where were you when the UDP red regime squandered \$600 Million in Petro Caribe which was earmarked to alleviate the conditions of the poor? Another 600 million dollars from oil revenue just vanished into the pockets of the UDP John Crow government.

But the vilest of the corrupt decision-making was the selling-off of the Belizean soul, the heartbeat of every Belizean. I say to the people and Government of Belize-MEK WI TEK BACK FI WE BELIZEAN BEACH! Aluta Continua!



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Belize

Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)

Loan No.: 9347 BE

Project ID No.: P172592

**Assignment Title: Fish and Aquaculture Inspection Regulations Specialist
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-470031-CS-INDV**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable **FISH AND AQUACULTURE INSPECTION REGULATIONS SPECIALIST FOR THE BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (BAHA)**. The overall objective of the assignment: to review the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Fish and Fishery Products Inspection Regulations, S.I. 173 of 2001 and update to align with relevant Codex standards for fish and fishery products and EU regulations for fish and fishery products.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Fish and Aquaculture Inspection Regulations Specialist for BAHA**.

The consultancy is expected to be for a period of Four (4) months commencing July 2025. The Fish and Aquaculture Inspection Regulations Specialist will be supervised by the Technical Director, Food Safety Services and will work in close coordination with the Senior Inspector of Food Safety Services.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

• Master's degree in **Agriculture, Fisheries Science, Food Safety, Veterinary Public Health**, or a related field (max 30 points).

General Experience

• 8 years experience in policy and development, familiarity with the Directives, Regulations and Policies of the European Union as it relates to Fish and Fishery Products, or modernization of the fisheries sector in developing countries. (max 20 points).

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Familiarity with **EU Directives, Regulations, and Policies** related to Fish and Fishery Products (max 20 points)
- Extensive knowledge of the **fish and fishery products industry**, including infrastructure and regulatory environments (max 10 points)
- Familiarity with **international laws and standards** governing fisheries, aquaculture, and food safety (max 10 points)
- Proven experience in **legal and regulatory analysis** for food safety and fisheries compliance (max 10 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **June 16, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org

Sitting of the House of Representatives Budget 2025-26 Debate



Hon. Cordel Hyde
Deputy Prime Minister

"It is easy to look at a budget of 5 million dollars for housing and scoff at that, but the benefits of a cement starter house cannot be overstated. Kids who live in these starter houses do better in school."

This budget is about keeping our kids in school. 21 schools now have free education."

BUDGET DEBATE 2025

Government of BELIZE



Hon. Francis Fonseca
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture & Immigration

BUDGET DEBATE 2025

"The Nationality and Passports Department partnered with IOM in its legal identity mobile hubs. This allowed the department to extend its services to people who may have had limitations in visiting the office during normal working hours. The local hubs served more than 2,400 individuals and generated more than \$200,000 in revenue."

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



Hon. Orlando Habet
Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management

We upgraded and installed 4 new river gauges along major watersheds, including the New River, the Mopan, The Macal, Belize and South Stann Creek Rivers, reducing local flood forecast areas by 20%. We extended flood alerts from two days to five days, giving communities more time to prepare.

Government of BELIZE

Budget Debate 2025



HON. OSCAR MIRA
Minister of National Defence and Border Security

"Cabinet has approved that members of the Belize Coast Guard, who have valiantly served our great nation, be entitled to the very same established pension plan that exists within the Belize Defence Force."

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



HON. HENRY CHARLES USHER
Minister of Public Service, Governance & Disaster Risk Management

BUDGET DEBATE 2025

Approval for 80 additional firefighters reflects our government's dedication to strengthening the National Fire Service (NFS) workforce.

Plans are underway for new fire stations, addressing the needs of growing communities. In this term, we will build the headquarters for the NFS.

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



DR. HON. LOUIS ZABANEH
Minister of Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs & Transportation

The Government continues to work towards increasing the reliability and quality of service of the nation's bus transport sector. The Ministry of Transport is in consultation with the 31 highway bus operators to get buy-in and support for the creation of a new public-private partnership company to consolidate the national highway bus system, a source of public outcry for decades. An implementation plan will be executed starting January 1, 2026. The plan will include the procurement of new buses; the building of new terminals, especially in Belize City, and the Orange Walk and Toledo Districts; and the improvement of the remaining terminals.

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



Hon. Kevin Bernard
Minister of Health & Wellness

"This budget delivers over \$50 million to be used for the construction of the hospitals in San Pedro and Belmopan, medical equipment upgrades, infection control systems, four surveillance vehicles, cold chain improvements, fully equipped mobile health clinics, telemedicine, rural mental health pilot projects, the construction of a new poly-clinic in Orange Walk Town, and the pediatric wing at the Northern Regional Hospital."

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



Hon. Anthony Mahler
Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations

In 2024, Belize set a new record for overnight tourism arrivals, with over 560,000 guests passing through all our border points. Belize also reached a milestone in airlift development. We now have direct routes from 7 countries and 21 cities.

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



HON. THEA GARCIA-RAMIREZ
Minister of Human Development, Family Support & Gender Affairs

We implemented a series of social support and empowerment programs aimed primarily at reducing poverty and building strong family support systems. Regarding social support in the last financial year, BOOST served 4,099 beneficiaries from 1692 different households across the country. We increased our reach to persons with disabilities by 45% and graduated 440 households whose socio-economic status had improved. There were 296 students who graduated from secondary school and 79 who transitioned from primary to secondary school.

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



Hon. Oscar Requena
Minister of Education, Science and Technology

"In the 2025/26 fiscal period, the Education Upliftment Project will expand to 23 secondary schools, reaching over 12,000 students, an increase of more than 11,000 beneficiaries. 95% of students enrolled in government secondary schools nationwide will attend school for free. Altogether, more than half of all secondary school students in Belize will benefit from free education, offering significant financial relief to over 8,000 families. The 2025/2026 budget will cater for an additional 2,000 student beneficiaries from two secondary schools: Independence High School and Sacred Heart College."

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



HON. KAREEM MUSA
Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries

"We will enhance aerial surveillance through our expanded drone fleet and launch a state-of-the-art surveillance camera center in Belmopan, complementing our ongoing installation of 1,000 CCTV cameras across all municipalities, urban hotspots, and key tourist areas. This will be a massive game-changer for our policing infrastructure."

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



HON. JULIUS ESPAT
Minister of Infrastructure Development & Housing

"The Ministry is legally mandated to upkeep and maintain a public road network comprising 3,152 miles, 23 miles more than we had. We have opened up 23 miles of roads in the rural communities, most of which are village and farm roads. Of those 3,152 miles, 684 miles are paved, 2,266 miles are gravel, and 205 are earth roads."

Government of BELIZE

BUDGET DEBATE 2025



Students and Standees

Dear Editor,

I have been writing to this paper about the injustice perpetrated onto the Belizean commuters by the bus owners. While I understand that the Government is trying to do everything by the book, it still little comfort when commuters have been travelling for more than a decade.

This is comparable to how teachers take the kids invaluable time to mentally sick out...I say mentally cause....obviously they were not sick. Did they bring a doctor paper Thursday morning? I hope their pay is docked. Ask the parents if they agree with the teachers USING their kids time at will to ask for more pay. Logic: if u work less by sicking out you should get less pay. And the teachers that go to school and have to do extra work? Unfair.

Ask the commuters if they are willing to travel in the dinosaur bus- es one more day. In both situations, the teachers and bus owners are taking advantage of law-abiding Belizeans who have little choice. Most workers (teachers are just 3000 plus) that take a day off get their pay docked or are let off. Students get to miss valuable classes.

The teachers PUT some importance onto themselves since they can play with the children’s education time. This is obscene. They can surely protest on Saturdays, Summer, Easter and Christmas breaks....if they really mean to teach.

Standees in buses take the double bukut. Again...if they don’t stand then they do not reach to work or back home. Tickets seem to be far far over the horizon. I suggest....that at certain time standees be accepted but limited to half the number of rows there are. This as a temporary measure. At this moment, I believe any standees is a violation. And... standees...get a half price. Buses have been known to “slow” down just to get as many standees and charge them FULL price regardless. Brads underreporting equals to bus owners reporting today.

Finally, word to the wise...ex commissioner now CEO should execute his on the job training he is getting. He has no need for interviews. The UDP slanted media only wants to see what he will say that will show weakness in the government.

Looking forward to those electric buses on the highways and tickets and a better travelling experience.

Frustrated but Calm,
Belizean Commuter



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: THE SUPPLY OF TWO (2) WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit quotations for the **supply of two (2) water quality monitoring stations** equipped with various sensors that will measure key water quality parameters. These stations must provide real-time data from remote locations, ensuring continuous and accurate monitoring of water bodies. These stations must meet the specified technical requirements listed in the bidding document provided upon request.

The supplier shall provide and commission the following:

- I. Supply two (2) complete water quality monitoring stations.
- II. Each station must meet the specifications outlined in the RFQ, including all required sensors and associated equipment.
- III. Provide repair services during the warranty period, as specified.

For full bidding document which lists the required technical specification of each water quality monitoring station, its required features, company requirements for eligibility and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: June 12th, 2025, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time.



The Boledo Scandal – A Decade of UDP Cronyism

Dear Editor,

The issue of the Boledo contract granted to Brad's Gaming Group by the former UDP administration remains one of the clearest examples of political favouritism and poor governance in Belize’s recent history. A ten-year contract(two times)—awarded without proper transparency, accountability, or public oversight—effectively handed a national revenue-generating activity to a private entity with little return for the people of Belize.

It is both frustrating and shameful that such a lucrative deal was signed under such questionable circumstances. The former UDP government placed the nation into a lopsided agreement that prioritized profit for a few over the welfare of the many. Where was the public consultation? Where was the competitive bidding process?

This fiasco exemplifies the need for stronger procurement practices and a renewed commitment to putting Belizeans first. The Briceño administration’s effort to revisit and reform this arrangement is not only welcome but necessary to restore fairness and national ownership over our public assets.

Boledo belongs to the people, not political cronies. The past administration’s actions should be a cautionary tale of what happens when power is used to enrich allies instead of empowering citizens.

Never again should a government be allowed to gamble with the people’s trust for ten years of private gain.

Sincerely,
S Young



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of One (1) Pickup Truck

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management’s “Integrated management of production landscapes to deliver multiple global environmental benefits” Project, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of One (1) pickup truck.

Minimum Required Specifications:

- 1. Model Year: 2024 (minimum)
- 2. Engine: 2.0 - 2.8L, Diesel 4-cylinder
- 3. Fuel Tank Capacity: 22 gallons (Minimum)
- 4. 30 MPG Highway fuel efficiency
- 5. Transmission: 6 Speed Manual

To obtain the complete Request for Quotation (RFQ) document, including detailed specifications and submission procedures, please send your request via email to: procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: June 6th, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

Ministry of Investment Launch Sensitization on Initial Steps Industrial Strategy with Blue and Green Policies

On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, a pivotal moment unfolded for Belize's economic future as the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) officially began stakeholder engagement for the creation of the nation's Industrial Strategy with Blue and Green Industrial Policies during an opening ceremony and sensitization session with senior officials held in Belmopan. This strategy represents Belize's first deliberate and comprehensive industrial policy, designed to foster sustainable, inclusive, and export-led industrial development.

The strategy aims to tackle long-standing challenges to diversify the economy and to identify economic sectors in Belize with growth potential that support poverty reduction. By adopting a "Green and Blue" approach, Belize seeks to promote productivity and competitiveness through resource efficiency and environmentally sustainable industrialization, aligning with global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The Government intends to identify specific economic activities in the blue and green economy, light manufacturing, agro-processing, and energy sectors.

The ceremony, attended by government officials, international partners, private sector leaders, and civil society representatives, underscored Belize's commitment to diversifying its economy, enhancing productivity, and creating new opportunities while championing environmental stewardship.

Present at the opening ceremony were Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO in the Office of the Prime

Minister, Investment, and Civil Aviation; Ms. Beverly Wade, CEO in the Ministry of the Blue Economy; Mr. Neri Ramirez, CEO of the Corozal Free Zone; Mr. Lincoln Blake, Director of the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU); Mr. Ishmael Quiroz, Executive Director of Beltraide; Dr. Anders Isaksson, Chief, Di-

vision of Industrial Policy Advice and Capacity Development at UNIDO; Mr. Christoph Hammer, Industrial Data Analyst at UNIDO; Mr. Frantz Smith, Investment Policy Officer, IPCU; Ms. Sandra Cuello, Director, Public Private Partnership Unit; and Dr. Dylan Vernon, Executive Director, University of Belize, Belize Policy Research Institute.

Following the opening ceremony, at-

tendees participated in a comprehensive session covering critical topics such as:

- Historical and current developments and goals of industrial policy.
- The importance of data, industrial statistics, and analyses, including an introduction to The EQUIP Toolkit.
- Policy design, policy instruments, and implementation strategies.
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) frameworks, capacity building, and the role of a Policy Support Unit (PSU).

The "Industrial Strategy with Blue and Green Industrial Policies" is poised to guide Belize toward a new era of economic resilience, innovation, and environmental responsibility.(release)

Industrial Strategy with Green and Blue Industrial Policy Stakeholder Meeting

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like to reiterate the Government of Belize's commitment to prioritize the Industrial Strategy with Green and Blue Industrial Policies which could be a catalyst for growth and development.

This strategy cannot succeed without you the stakeholders.

- ***Private Sector*:** Lead with sustainable business models and green job creation.
- ***NGOs & Academia*:** Provide research, monitoring, and community engagement.
- ***Government*:** Deliver policy coherence and public investment in critical infrastructure.
- ***International Partners*:** Offer financing, technology transfer, and market access.

Let us move beyond silos. Collaboration is our currency.

This is a call to boldness. Belizeans have always been resourceful. From our Maya ancestors' agro-ecology to our fishermen's traditional knowledge, sustainability is in our DNA. Now, we must "modernize these strengths" to compete globally.

This is not just an industrial strategy—it is a "pledge to future generations." A pledge that they will inherit a Belize where the reefs still teem with life, the forests still breathe for us all, and the economy empowers every citizen.

In the words of our national motto: "Under the shade, we flourish." Let us ensure that shade comes from thriving mangroves, not dwindling resources.

Today, I challenge each of you to bring your expertise, your creativity, and your passion to this strategy. The time for talk is over; the time for action is now.

Together, let us build a Belize that is blue, green—and golden with opportunity.

Thank you.



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- Administer and ensure compliance with the performance appraisal system and approved policies and procedures.
- Produce analytical reports on the execution and effectiveness of the learning and development programme and make recommendations for improvement.
- Analyse learning and development trends and metrics and prepare periodic reports for stakeholders.
- Support the recruitment process through candidate assessment, interviewing, and vetting procedures.
- Establish and monitor KPIs to evaluate the effectiveness of training programs and track progress.

The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A master's degree in human resources management, business administration, or a related field from a recognized university with at least three years of relevant experience.
- Minimum qualification is a bachelor's degree in human resource management, management studies, business administration, organizational development, or a related discipline from a recognized university, with at least six years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of latest trends and developments in human resource administration; Knowledge of the Belize's Labour Laws, Social Security Laws, and Income Tax Laws; Familiarity of the Central Bank of Belize Act, Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, International Banking Act, Credit Union Acts, Moneylenders Act, National Payment System Act, and the Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act, and their accompanying regulations; Strong supervisory skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Digital Ability, Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organisational Ability, Problem Solving/Judgment, Decision Making.

Submit the following documents by **Wednesday, 28 May 2025**:

- CBB Employment Application Form (Available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Names of two (2) current references

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize, Gabourel Lane, Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: HR Business Partner- Learning and Development- Human Resources Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)



Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Climate Change, Solid Waste
Management



INVITATION TO BID

Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change &
Solid Waste Management on behalf of
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Name	Contract Period
Loading, Trucking, and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the public procurement laws of Belize.

3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as outlined in the Bidding Documents.

4. Qualification requirements are detailed in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders are advised to consult the Instructions to Bidders carefully.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained via email upon request to the email address below.

6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the address provided in the request.

7. A site visit will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Dangriga Transfer Station, followed by the Mile 24 Regional Sanitary Landfill.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 am June 17, 2025. Late submissions will be rejected. Electronic bid submissions will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened on June 17, 2025 at 10:15 in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person.

9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

10. The GOB reserves the right to declare any firm ineligible for contract award if found to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices.

11. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid “the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption”. In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.

12. For further information or to request Bidding Documents, please contact:
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Sandeep Betancourt, Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area
City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 802-1527 OR 8282-4864
PO Box 285
Email: procurement.officer@environemnt.gov.bz
Cc: cansinoaa@gobmail.gov.bz

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management
3013 Bougainvillea Street
City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 828-4864 | Telefax: (501) 802-1527



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)
TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program
Process ID: BL-L1039-P00031
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of E-Governance, Belmopan, Belize (In office)
Deadline: June 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received ten million US Dollars (US \$10M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize. This Project will support the digitalization of firms and government services in order to promote growth and increase efficiency in Belize's economy.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a “**Technical Coordinator**” under the Project and invites eligible individuals to apply. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below.

Applications should be submitted in the English language as one (1) pdf file, using the required template, via e-mail to procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “**Technical Coordinator (BL-L1039)**”- name of consultant

The deadline to submit an application is on or before **June 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time), applications received after this date will not be accepted.

Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd floor, room #7, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize

Ref: **Technical Coordinator (BL-L1039)** - Your name



NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **CARIBBEAN ENGINEERING GROUP INC.** (“the Company”) Registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution on the **15th** day of **May, 2025;**
and
Michael J. Pancherz of 5847 San Felipe, Suite 2250, Houston, TX 77057, United States of America is the Liquidator of the Company.

Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the below company has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Register with effect from the date indicated:

CARIBBEAN ENGINEERING GROUP INC. – 22nd May, 2025

Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited
Registered Agent



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SERVICES



Provision of Security Services and Armored Deposits for Belize Tax Service Offices Countrywide

The Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Finance is seeking eligible Security Firms for the provision of Security Services and Armoured Deposits for the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD). The Security Firm will be responsible for the protection of personnel, assets and premises of the Belize Tax Service country wide.

Period: For a period of two (2) year (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027)

Services: These services will be required for the eight (8) BTSD offices country-wide at the following Locations:

- Belize City: Eleanor Hall Building, Lake I Boulevard
- Belmopan City: 5455 Hummingbird Highway
- Dangriga Town: St. Vincent Street
- San Pedro Town: #106 San Cas Building
- Punta Gorda Town: #3 Clement Street
- Orange Walk Town: #107 Otro Benque Road
- Corozal Town: #49 Fourth Avenue
- San Ignacio Town: #1 Buena Vista Street

- The main responsibilities of Security Firm include but are not limited to the following:**
- (a) Provides unarmed and armed security officers
 - I. Responsible for manning the door to control people.
 - II. Responsible for protecting the building and grounds during the day.
 - III. Responsible to provide an armed guard for daily deposits.
 - (b) Alarm monitoring service
 - (c) Video surveillance and monitoring
 - (d) Provide the following security officers for each branch listed above:
 - I. Belize City main office 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - II. Belmopan City 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - III. Dangriga Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - IV. San Pedro Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - V. Punta Gorda Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - VI. Orange Walk Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - VII. Corozal Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - VIII. San Ignacio Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed

Qualification and Experience requirements:

The security officers shall be properly trained and licensed in accordance with the local laws to perform security services, including but not limited to

- Carrying a licensed firearm

The security officers shall be uniformed including an appropriate identification badge. The security officers must have a valid police record.

- Skills, Knowledge, Abilities**
- Reputable
 - Reliable
 - Professional
 - Experience
 - Trustworthy

- Expression of Interest package should contain:**
- (i) Comprehensive proposal explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Contractor.
 - (ii) Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, types of activities performed and location of the assignment.*
 - (iii) List of at least two references
 - (iv) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality
- Additional documentation required for National Consultants:**
- (i) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
 - (ii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
 - (iii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
 - (iv) Copy of Current Trade License
 - (v) Special license issued by Police Department

Cost incurred by visiting the premises and preparation of the bid are the sole responsibility of the Security Firm. The bids are to be accompanied by the documents listed above.

Interested individuals may obtain further information and full Terms of Reference at the address below during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time, Monday to Friday.

Qualified Contractors must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz no later than June 23rd, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. local Belize Time **Provision of Security Services and Armoured Deposits for Belize Tax Service Offices Countrywide** in the subject header; or applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address: (late bids will not be accepted)

Director General
Belize Tax Service Department
Eleanor Hall Building
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SERVICES



Cleaning and Maintenance Services - Belize Tax Service Offices

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD)

Country: BELIZE

Deadline: June 23rd, 2025 at 5:00 pm local Belize time

The Belize Tax Service Department is seeking expressions of interest from eligible companies for the cleaning and maintenance services at Belize City headquarters. Sanitization and cleaning of the office is essential to provide a safe and healthy environment for the BTSD personnel and the public.

Period: For a period of two (2) year (November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2027)

To maintain a clean and healthy working environment at the BTSD at Eleanor Hall Building and compound on Lake I Boulevard in Belize City, Belize.

- The main responsibility of company includes but are not limited to the following:
- (a) Cleaning of office spaces, cafeteria, kitchenettes, office furniture, equipment and conference facilities along with respective fixtures.
 - (b) Cleaning of all bathrooms and their fixtures.
 - (c) Cleaning of the stairways, corridors and foyer area, railings and doors.
 - (d) Cleaning of all internal glass walls and windows.
 - (e) Garbage disposal.
 - (f) Cleaning supplies – Belize Tax Service will be responsible for wash cloth, handtowels, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid, hand soap, bleach, disinfectant
- Your company will provide all necessary tools, cleaning materials, additional cleaning supplies, equipment/machinery, labor, transportation for the performance of services.

Qualification of the Company:

- (a) Have a minimum of three (3) years working experience in Government offices.
- (b) Cleaning and maintenance or similar type work experience of at least five (5) years is required.
- (c) Experience working in the public and private sector in similar assignment.

- Skills, Abilities and Knowledge:**
- Excellent written and communication skills in English and Spanish.
 - The ability to solve problems in a timely fashion.
 - Organizing a work team with hands-on experience.
 - Good public relations, organizational, coordination and networking skills required.
 - Honesty, integrity, and respect.
 - Demonstrate daily monitoring of on-site workers.
 - Expression of Interest package should contain:
- (i) Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Company.
 - (ii) Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, types of activities performed and location of the assignment.*
 - (iii) List of at least two references
 - (iv) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

- (i) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
- (ii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (iii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (iv) Copy of Current Trade License

Interested Contractors may obtain further information at the address below during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm local Belize time, Monday to Friday.

Qualified Contractors must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz no later than June 23rd, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. local Belize Time **Cleaning and Maintenance Services** in the subject header; or applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address (late bids will not be accepted):

Director General
Belize Tax Service Department
Eleanor Hall Building
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT
VILLAGE COUNCILS ELECTIONS HELD ON 25th MAY 2025
OFFICIAL RESULTS

COROZAL DISTRICT											
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Concepcion	Chairpersons				880	574	65.23	1		
		CANO, Giovanni Hernan	Chairperson	325	Elected			56.62			13
		CASTILLO, Adan Roberto	Chairperson	249				43.38			
		Members					3272			1	
		ALDANA, Leonardo	Member	320	Elected			9.78			
		CASASOLA, Jessica Elizabeth	Member	320	Elected			9.78			
		HERRERA, Vilma Rosaura	Member	305	Elected			9.32			
		MOH, Rosalva Rocana	Member	319	Elected			9.75			
		TUN, Yovanie Otoniel	Member	316	Elected			9.66			
		TUN, Marris Magnolia	Member	320	Elected			9.78			11
		CASTILLO, Renato Natalio	Member	228				6.97			
		EK, Alfredo	Member	230				7.03			
		EK, Ana Laura	Member	225				6.88			
		MEDINA, John Miller	Member	225				6.88			
		RIVERA, Giselle Azahelle	Member	240				7.33			
		SANKER, Ana Ivette	Member	224				6.85			

COROZAL DISTRICT											
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Ranchito	Chairpersons				1053	523	49.67	5		
		CHAN, Fernando	Chairperson	108				20.65			31
		VELA, Jose Francisco	Chairperson	415	Elected			79.35			
		Members					3042			3	
		CASANOVA, Luis Enrique	Member	96				3.16			
		CATZIM, Carlos Alejandro	Member	101				3.32			
		CHABLE, Jose Rodolfo	Member	101				3.32			
		CHULEN, Maximo Roberto	Member	103				3.39			
		ROSADO, Jaime Alfonso	Member	100				3.29			
		SANCHEZ, Jorge Luis	Member	99				3.25			26
		CHAN, Carolina	Member	413	Elected			13.58			
		MAGANA, Consuelo Araceli	Member	413	Elected			13.58			
		MARTINEZ, Jorge Alfredo	Member	380	Elected			12.49			
		RANCHARAN, Andres	Member	416	Elected			13.68			
		RANCHARAN, Lindsay Lindsay	Member	408	Elected			13.41			
		RANCHARAN, Yescenia Amparo	Member	412	Elected			13.54			

COROZAL DISTRICT											
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Calcutta	Chairpersons				578	320	55.36	0		
		LOPEZ, Martin	Chairperson	72				22.50			18
		IZUB, Candido Alex	Chairperson	248	Elected			77.50			
		Members					1783			2	
		BAPTIST, Tasia Wilma	Member	72				4.04			
		BAPTIST, Vivian Briany	Member	68				3.81			
		JONES, Alicia Valissa	Member	66				3.70			
		LOPEZ, Jose Manuel	Member	78				4.37			
		RODRIGUEZ, Yadiria Yamillet	Member	63				3.53			
		SUTHERLAND, Basil Thomas	Member	80				4.49			23
		GUTIERREZ, Marciano Gilberto	Member	219	Elected			12.28			
		GUTIERREZ JR., Marciano Gilberto	Member	228	Elected			12.79			
		RIVERO, Carmela Rosa	Member	222	Elected			12.45			
		SANKER, Jovanay	Member	225	Elected			12.62			
		IZUL, Alvaro Junior	Member	228	Elected			12.79			
		UK, Amikar Aldair	Member	234	Elected			13.12			

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25/05/2025	Carolina	Chairpersons				180	148	82.22	0		
		CASANOVA, Mario Yamil	Chairperson	76	Elected			51.35			0
		SANKER, Enier Elden	Chairperson	72				48.65			
		Members					876			1	
		BELTRAN, Marisol Diana	Member	70				7.99			
		CASSANOVA, Abdul Bruce	Member	70				7.99			
		CASSANOVA, Florencia Roberto	Member	71				8.11			
		GRANT, Karon Nigel	Member	67				7.65			
		LOPEZ, Obed Rene	Member	71				8.11			
		MENDEZ, Abraham Oscar	Member	69				7.88			
		DOMINGUEZ, Jasmin Janine	Member	74	Elected			8.45			2
		MELGAR, Aparicio	Member	78	Elected			8.90			
		NOVELO, Clemente Martin	Member	79	Elected			9.02			
		PALMA, Lloyd Gregory	Member	77	Elected			8.79			
		SANKER, Ebelino Amarillis	Member	75	Elected			8.56			
		SANTOS, Florecita	Member	75	Elected			8.56			

COROZAL DISTRICT											
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Caledonia	Chairpersons				859	567	66.01	0		
		HUMES, Kimberly Anaiaray	Chairperson	216				38.10			16
		ROSALEZ, Elias Patricio	Chairperson	351	Elected			61.90			
		Members					3340	0.00		1	
		ALCOSER, Arnold Marcel	Member	230				6.89			
		HENRY, Edgar Edwin	Member	232				6.95			
		HUMES, Abel Ramon	Member	220				6.59			
		POOT, Ubaldo Ernesto	Member	226				6.77			
		POTT, Bonifacio	Member	225				6.74			
		POTT, Isabel Guadalupe	Member	230				6.89			38
		CHAN, Teodocia	Member	334	Elected			10.00			
		LOPES, Efrain	Member	328	Elected			9.82			
		NOVELO, Delwyn Gildardo	Member	337	Elected			10.09			
		PINEDA, Aureliano	Member	314	Elected			9.40			
		PATT, Maria Nuri	Member	342	Elected			10.24			
		POTT, Vashli Ida	Member	322	Elected			9.64			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Libertad	Chairpersons				989	488	49.34	1		
		BURGOS, Armin Adel	Chairperson	272	Elected			55.74			19
		RODRIGUEZ, Jose Augusto	Chairperson	216				44.26			
		Members					2763			3	
		INESTROZA, Yeni Yohana	Member	245	Elected			8.87			
		JIMENEZ, Maria Veronica	Member	254	Elected			9.19			
		NAVARETTE, Shanelle Natalie	Member	254	Elected			9.19			
		SWASO, Arcine Isani	Member	253	Elected			9.16			
		VALLADARES, Dreyfort	Member	257	Elected			9.30			
		VILLANUEVA, Estevan, Francisco	Member	250	Elected			9.05			16
		AUGUST, Sherlon Verie	Member	200				7.24			
		GILLET, Trevor Anthony	Member	207				7.49			
		JIMENEZ, Joe	Member	212				7.67			
		MATURA, Tony	Member	213				7.71			
		NEAL, Trudy Nicole	Member	207				7.49			
		VILLAS, Norma Elisa	Member	211				7.64			

COROZAL DISTRICT											
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25/05/2025	San Roman	Chairpersons				557	300	53.86	0		
		CORREA, Magdali	Chairperson	148				49.33			7
		GARCIA, Ludwin Ivan	Chairperson	152	Elected			50.67			
		Members					1738			0	
		CAMAL, Shajir Alexander	Member	145				8.34			
		CARRILLO, Ariane Arieli	Member	150	Elected			8.63			
		CASTANEDA, Miguel Baltazar	Member	146	Elected			8.40			
		GONZALEZ, Bernari Roughel	Member	148	Elected			8.52			
		LIN, Gian Carlo	Member	149	Elected			8.57			
		MONTERO, Yahiria Itzayana Digna Misael	Member	149	Elected			8.57			9
		CANO, Ismael Hernan	Member	144				8.29			
		CORA, Silvia Rosario	Member	138				7.94			
		CORREA, Sarbia Escarlet	Member	145				8.34			
		ECHEVERRILLA, Jose Christian	Member	146	Elected			8.40			
		LIN, Emmanuel	Member	144				8.29			
		LIN, Lily Luciani	Member	134				7.71			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes	
25/05/2025	Louisville	Chairpersons					573	413		72.08	0	9
		CASTANEDA, Evelio	Chairperson	215	Elected			52.06				
		RAFAILAN, Christopher Odor	Chairperson	198				47.94				
		Members					2461			0	6	
		ARAGON, Floridama Deima	Member	203				8.25				
		CASTANEDA, Nivia Nidelvia	Member	207	Elected			8.41				
		COB, Florencio Santos	Member	206	Elected			8.37				
		COC, Ester Amira	Member	207	Elected			8.41				
		GONZALEZ, Jesusita Teresita	Member	198				8.05				
		YAH, Eider Edriel	Member	212	Elected			8.61				
		FLORES, Xiomara Matilde	Member	205				8.33				
		FLORES,Marcela	Member	207	Elected			8.41				
		GARCIA, Ever Aldair	Member	201				8.17				
		GONZALEZ, Jeffred Jason	Member	206	Elected			8.37				
ROSADO, Sheida Emily	Member	205				8.33						
SANZORES, Yamira Elena	Member	204				8.29						

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT

VILLAGE COUNCILS ELECTIONS HELD ON 25th MAY 2025

OFFICIAL RESULTS

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BELIZE DISTRICT												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes	
5/25/2025	Double Head Cabbage	Chairpersons					215	147		68.37	0	6
		CHARLES, Isson Scott	Chairperson	42				28.57				
		MCCULLOCK, Roman Tyson	Chairperson	105	Elected			71.43				
		Members						892			0	3
		BROASTER, Winford Nathaniel	Member	51				34.69				
		CHARLES, Terrylee Neemie	Member	50				34.01				
		MCCULLOCK, Sherman Shackeem	Member	48				32.65				
		TERRY, Kristy Yasmine	Member	50				34.01				
		THOMPSON, Hank Alexander	Member	46				31.29				
		WADE, Danika Tiffany	Member	44				29.93				
		BROASTER, Ean Eldon	Member	100	Elected			68.03				
		FLOWERS, Steven Tyrone	Member	99	Elected			67.35				
		JONES, Leon Tyrone	Member	102	Elected			69.39				
		MARTINEZ, Markette Lynese	Member	101	Elected			68.71				
		McFadden, Yvette Mariegold	Member	100	Elected			68.03				
MOODY, Dwayne Paul	Member	101	Elected			68.71						

BELIZE DISTRICT												
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5/25/2025	Isabella Bank	Chairperson					64	44		68.75	0	3
		ICAL, Calvin Edwin	Chairperson	27	Elected			61.36				
		LANZA, Maurice Lloyd	Chairperson	17				38.64				
		Members						247			0	6
		BANNER, Victor Alfonso	Member	28	Elected			63.64				
		BANNER, Martin Emmanuel	Member	26	Elected			59.09				
		HULSE, Peter William	Member	28	Elected			63.64				
		ICAL, Cirilo	Member	28	Elected			63.64				
		PERDOMO, Jairo Enrique	Member	26	Elected			59.09				
		REVERS, Keira Kristillee	Member	29	Elected			65.91				
		LANZA, Vashiti Esther	Member	17				38.64				
		SALAS, Orlando Thomas	Member	16				36.36				
		TUN, Alfredo Madaleno	Member	18				40.91				
		TURTON, Robert Sydney	Member	16				36.36				
		WALLEN, Corin Arian	Member	15				34.09				

CAYO DISTRICT												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes	
5/25/2025	Unitedville	Chairpersons					444	221		49.77	1	10
		GABOUREL, Kent Alexander	Chairperson	151	Elected			68.33				
		GONGORA, Josephine Carlota	Chairperson	70				31.67				
		Members						1265			1	21
		CUTKELVIN, Clifton Orlando	Member	150	Elected			11.86				
		MEJIA, Francisco Ramon	Member	152	Elected			12.02				
		PEREZ, Vanessa Victoria	Member	148	Elected			11.70				
		RAMOS, Estrella	Member	142	Elected			11.23				
		SUCHITE, Mariela Delmy	Member	140	Elected			11.07				
		VASQUEZ, Earl	Member	146	Elected			11.54				
		BUCHANAN, Radiance Mable	Member	64				5.06				
		GENTLE, Ethene Aarian	Member	64				5.06				
		GRIFFITH, Tanya Kala	Member	62				4.90				
		MARTINEZ, Yanira	Member	65				5.14				
MCKOY, Jamil Gion	Member	65				5.14						
VILLAS, Angelita Natalia	Member	67				5.30						

CAYO DISTRICT												
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5/25/2025	Blackman Eddy	Chairpersons					373	194		52.01	0	5
		FLOWERS, Huburt Carlo	Chairperson	73				37.63				
		GREEN, Keino Alexander	Chairperson	112	Elected			57.73				
		RAMIREZ, Miguel Angel	Chairperson	9				4.64				
		Members						1107			2	14
		ASIL, Juan	Member	78				7.05				
		CALDERON, Sylvia Elizabeth	Member	74				6.68				
		CALDERON, Vivianney Lizett	Member	74				6.68				
		FLOWERS, Emerita Arita	Member	80				7.23				
		GONZALEZ, Claudia Yojana	Member	73				6.59				
		WADE, Erica Lussanny	Member	64				5.78				
		ARTHURS, Elizabeth Sarita	Member	107	Elected			9.67				
		AVEA, Gretel Loreta (Robateau)	Member	102	Elected			9.21				
		GONZALEZ, Dennis	Member	103	Elected			9.30				
		HERNANDEZ, Maynor David	Member	103	Elected			9.30				
		MAI, Shirley Venice	Member	89	Elected			8.04				
		MARTINEZ, Zeak Lee	Member	108	Elected			9.76				
		BUDNA, Francis Elaine	Member	6				0.54				
		GORDON, David Martin	Member	15				1.36				
		GORDON, Desmond Patrick	Member	12				1.08				
		MOLINA, Irma Yolanda	Member	7				0.63				
		VELLOS, Ashley Ashton	Member	12				1.08				

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5/25/2025	ARENAL	Chairpersons					516	356	68.99	0	16
		GUERRA, Ismael Flavio	Chairperson	161				45.22			
		SILVA, Shakhid Lahud	Chairperson	195	Elected			54.78			
		Members						2016		0	22
		COC, Orlando	Member	165				8.18			
		GARCIA, Higinio Aroldo	Member	157				7.79			
		PAT, Edwin Agustín	Member	169	Elected			8.38			
		ROMERO, George Rolando	Member	161				7.99			
		SANCHEZ, Lesbia Angelita	Member	162				8.04			
		SOTO, Mirsa Amely	Member	167				8.28			
		CUNIL, Elmer Adony	Member	174	Elected			8.63			
		GONZALEZ, Herson Abner	Member	174	Elected			8.63			
		PAT, Cristy Sherline	Member	168				8.33			
		RUIZ, Primitiva Yesena	Member	171	Elected			8.48			
		SANCHEZ, Hugo Rolando	Member	174	Elected			8.63			
		ZETINA, Josue Israel	Member	174	Elected			8.63			

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5/25/2025	Sittie River	Chairpersons				189	128	67.72			2
		KELLY, Emmanuel Isaac Jr.	Chairperson	46				35.94			
		MCDUGAL, Wladimir Wilson Wilson Jr.	Chairperson	82	Elected			61.06			

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5/25/2025	Hopkins	Chairpersons					841	509		60.52	1	6
		CARR, Ella Desharon	Chairperson	235	Elected			66.17				
		CASTILLO, Radric Elias	Chairperson	23				4.52				
		NUNEZ, Marley Chris	Chairperson	224				61.01				
		ZUNIGA, Francis Nolbert	Chairperson	27				5.30				19
		Members						2800			3	
		AUGUSTINE, Irati Jamar	Member	223	Elected			7.96				
		CACHO, Laura Lamey	Member	197				7.04				
		DIEGO, Andre Anthony	Member	227	Elected			8.11				
		ELDO, Maximo John	Member	201				7.18				
		HOLLOWAY, Loreta Marie	Member	211				7.54				
		LEWIS, Marissa Vernice	Member	253	Elected			9.04				
		CASTILLO, Norman Mark "Strings"	Member	213				7.61				
		MARTINEZ, Clyde Clinton Jr.	Member	247	Elected			8.82				
		NUNEZ, Mario Ramon "Pati"	Member	227	Elected			8.11				
		WILLIAMS, Kimani Kivonger	Member	209				7.46				
		NORALEZ, Antonette Ann	Member	204				7.29				
		LEWIS, Jeremy Christoph	Member	232	Elected			8.29				
		ARJOLA, Audrey Arretta	Member	48				1.71				
		CASIMIRO, Nayib Francis	Member	108				3.86				

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5/25/2025	Silk Grass	Chairpersons					664	335		50.45		9
		BULL, Anita Florita	Chairperson	71				21.19				
		MOSS, Wilfred Ewing	Chairperson	25				7.46				
		VALERIO, Delroy	Chairperson	239	Elected			71.34				
		Members						1854	0.00		1	
		AKAI, Florencio	Member	82				4.42				
		BULL, Herman Henry	Member	90				4.85				
		DEPAZ, Sandie	Member	225	Elected			12.14				
		LAGOS, Eli Anastacio	Member	79				4.26				
		PINABY, Elizabeth	Member	85				4.58				
	RIVERO, Milca Sarai	Member	86				4.64					
	DUBON, Roshina Camille	Member	16				0.86					
	MORALEZ, Zandy Yevrit	Member	14				0.76					
	BOWERS, Shanna	Member	234	Elected			12.62					
	BOWERS, Sydney Bryan	Member	27				1.46					
	GLIZMAN, Jesse	Member	229	Elected			12.35					
	PALACHO, Travis Sheldon	Member	228	Elected			12.30					
SIHO, Cornelio	Member	229	Elected			12.35						
SOSA, Felipe Abel	Member	230	Elected			12.41						

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5/25/2025	Hope Creek	Chairpersons				649	335		51.62	0
		SALGUERO, Rene Orlando	Chairperson	80				23.88		7
		STAINÉ, Le-Keisha Beverly	Chairperson	255	Elected			76.12		
		Members					1534			0
		SALGUERO, Romeo Ernesto	Member	60				3.91		
		YOUNG, Raylene Sandra	Member	66				4.30		
		CASTILLO, Delroy Glen	Member	242	Elected			15.78		42
		CHUN, Sean Evan	Member	254	Elected			16.56		
		COLEMAN, Aldis Alexander	Member	238	Elected			15.51		
		CRUZ, David Carmen	Member	243	Elected			15.84		
		GUERRA, Aida Noemi	Member	208	Elected			13.56		
		PUC, Ramona Francisca	Member	223	Elected			14.54		

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5/25/2025	Mullins River	Chairpersons				48	31		64.58	1
		BERNARD, Arlene Marlene	Chairperson	20	Elected			64.52		0
		FLOWERS, Lismour Lionel	Chairperson	11				35.48		
		Members					167	0.00		1
		BERNARD, Barbara Yolanda	Member	18	Elected			10.78		
		FLOWERS, Sandra Emelia	Member	18	Elected			10.78		
		MURILLO, Ewart Anthony	Member	18	Elected			10.78		
		MURILLO, Ewart Marlon	Member	18	Elected			10.78		
		MURILLO, Shakyla Shakiera	Member	17	Elected			10.18		
		VASQUEZ, Andrew Jefferson	Member	17	Elected			10.18		3
		EVELYN, Cheryl Irene	Member	10				5.99		
		FLOWERS, Harold Lismour	Member	10				5.99		
		FLOWERS, Henry John Edwin	Member	10				5.99		
		FLOWERS, Juliet Yolanda	Member	10				5.99		
		MALDONADO, Francisco Juan	Member	11				6.59		
		PANDY, Brian Gregory	Member	10				5.99		

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5/25/2025	Middlesex	Chairpersons				559	96		17.17	0
		CANTO, Maida Leinet	Chairperson	35				36.46		3
		ROACHES, Britany Moncek	Chairperson	61	Elected			62.54		
		Members					506			2
		CALIZ, Emaria	Member	36				7.11		
		COWO, Antonio Enrique	Member	34				6.72		
		REYES, Alden Alfredo	Member	30				5.93		
		REYES, Carlos	Member	37				7.31		
		SBO, Dennis Ismael	Member	36				7.11		
		CHO, Gregorio	Member	55	Elected			10.87		5
		GUZMAN, Lesbia Marina	Member	56	Elected			11.07		
		MAZARIEGO, Jose Heriberto	Member	56	Elected			11.07		
		SANTOS, Lidia Esperanza	Member	55	Elected			10.87		
		SBO, Johnny	Member	56	Elected			11.07		
		TUT, Maureen Elizabeth	Member	55	Elected			10.87		

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5/25/2025	Hummingbird Community	Chairperson				180	70		38.89	0
		ALDANA, Yoli	Chairperson	8				11.43		3
		CORNELIO, Basilio	Chairperson	37	Elected			52.86		
		OIL, Ramon Valdemar	Chairperson	25				35.71		
		Members					336			1
		BAIL, Francisco	Member	16				4.76		
		SPAIN, Valentin	Member	15				4.46		
		DONIZ, Alex	Member	39	Elected			11.61		
		CAI, Eduardo	Member	49	Elected			14.58		
		CORNELIO, Josefin Elizabeth	Member	38	Elected			11.31		5
		GUERRA, Evelyn E	Member	39	Elected			11.61		
		SMITH, Eduardo A.	Member	48	Elected			14.29		
		TURCO, Jose Miguel	Member	39	Elected			11.61		
		PAQUITUL, Elizabeth Marcia	Member	26				7.74		
		CALAM, Wilhelm William	Member	27				8.04		

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5/25/2025	Steadfast	Chairperson				200	94		47.00	0
		CHOC, ORLANDO	Chairperson	60	Elected			63.83		3
		MAYEN, Giovanna Daniel "Brak"	Chairperson	34				35.17		
		Members					530			0
		CHAN, Lizane Florceli	Member	20				3.77		
		EVANS, Soley Germaine	Member	22				4.15		
		FAUX, Mark Anthony	Member	28				5.28		
		RAMIREZ, Javier O.	Member	27				5.09		
		REQUENA, Diana Myra	Member	24				4.53		4
		YSAGUIRRE, Dylan Jade Rose	Member	21				3.96		
		CHO, Ismael Adolfo	Member	68	Elected			12.83		
		LOPEZ, Gustavo Fernando	Member	66	Elected			12.45		
		MOREIRA, Sandy Christopher	Member	62	Elected			11.70		
		PANDY, Leann Lashae	Member	63	Elected			11.89		
		SANCHEZ, Rodolfo Daniel	Member	64	Elected			12.08		

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5/25/2025	Alta Vista	Chairperson				202	102		50.50	0
		CALIZ, Jessica Judith	Chairperson	61	Elected			59.80		3
		SANCHEZ, Alvin Alex	Chairperson	41				40.20		
		Members					603			0
		PAVLOVICH MOREIRA, Annie Lee	Member	59	Elected			9.78		
		PERDOMO, Jose Luis	Member	55	Elected			9.12		
		TUT, Luis Eduardo	Member	57	Elected			9.45		
		TUT, William Nicolas	Member	52	Elected			8.62		
		ZETINA, Jennifer Sherrie	Member	59	Elected			9.78		
		ZETINA, Ronnie Abner	Member	59	Elected			9.78		2
		BOWEN, Milagra	Member	51				8.46		
		FUNES, Morana Del Carmen	Member	40				6.63		
		HERNANDEZ, Orville Kenneth	Member	41				6.80		
		LOPEZ, Julian Louis	Member	44				7.30		
		RODRIGUEZ, Wilson	Member	45				7.46		
		TRAPP, Yessenia Ivon	Member	41				6.80		

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5/25/2025	Valley Community	Chairperson				240	137		57.08	0
		VELIZ, Blanca Alicia	Chairperson	41				28.93		5
		WRIGHT, Estelva Lovina	Chairperson	96	Elected			70.07		
		Members					776			0
		CHUN, Aron Victor	Member	28				3.61		
		COC, Gilberto	Member	33				4.25		
		KERR, Daryl David	Member	33				4.25		
		MELENDEZ, Anyelis Guadalupe	Member	34				4.38		
		PEREZ, Erika Liseth	Member	39				5.03		
		POLANCO, Theresita Celia	Member	32				4.12		11
		MATUS, Marivel	Member	92	Elected			11.86		
		MELENDEZ, Daisy Elizabeth	Member	95	Elected			12.24		
		PETERS, Devyn James	Member	101	Elected			13.02		
		RITCHIE, Ashley Milton	Member	96	Elected			12.37		
		SANCHEZ, Erlene Tamara	Member	97	Elected			12.50		
		VALEKOO, Lataisha Regina	Member	96	Elected			12.37		

TOLEDO DISTRICT										
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5/25/2025	Barranco	Chairperson				84	63		75.00	0
		COLON, Leslie Carlton	Chairperson	39	Elected			61.90		2
		MARIANO, Beatrice Magdalene	Chairperson	15				25.81		
		NICHOLAS, Colin Vinson	Chairperson	9				14.29		
		Members					334			0
		ARZU, Francis Harold	Member	30	Elected			8.98		
		ARZU, Jerry Patrickgene	Member	28	Elected			8.38		
		COC, George	Member	32	Elected			9.58		
		DEAN, Dawn Renee	Member	26				7.78		
		GONZALES, Irma Almira	Member	36	Elected			10.78		
		ZUNIGA, Desrie Reynolda	Member	33	Elected			9.88		2
		ARZU, Antonia Velda	Member	25				7.49		
		MORIERA, Tanisha Veronica	Member	24				7.19		
		NUNEZ, Francisco Martin	Member	23				6.89		
		PALACHO, Juan Simeona	Member	27	Elected			8.08		
		SANDOVAL, Jason Harvey	Member	22				6.59		
		WAGNER, Jose Arturo	Member	15				4.49		

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5/25/2025	Crique Sarco	Chairperson				212	143		67.45	0	1
		BO, John	Chairperson	77	Elected			53.85			
		COY JR., Jose	Chairperson	66				46.15			
		Members					826			0	2
		CAL, Karen Carolina	Member	78	Elected			9.44			
		CHUC, Ambrosio	Member	72	Elected			8.72			
		COY, Alejandro	Member	75	Elected			9.08			
		KEH, Francisco	Member	75	Elected			9.08			
		KEH JR., Mateo	Member	75	Elected			9.08			
		TEUL, Edgar Armando	Member	76	Elected			9.20			
		BO, Andres	Member	61				7.38			
		CAL, Hilberto Armando	Member	63				7.63			
		CHOI, George Hilbert	Member	63				7.63			
		CHOI, Steve	Member	61				7.38			
		CHUC, Winston Glen	Member	64				7.75			
		KEH, Humberto	Member	63				7.63			

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5/25/2025	Sundaywood	Chairpersons				150	89		59.33	0	1
		BA, Julio Pedro	Chairperson	29				32.58			
		TUSH, Eduardo	Chairperson	60	Elected			67.42			
		Members					487			0	2
		CHANEB, Dya	Member	30				6.16			
		CHOC, Victoria	Member	30				6.16			
		SALAM, Alberto	Member	35				7.19			
		SALAM, Santiago	Member	38				7.80			
		TUSH, Anaida	Member	37				7.60			
		TUSH, Dionicio	Member	27				5.54			
		ACTE, Marcos	Member	46	Elected			9.45			
		ACTE, Pablo	Member	47	Elected			9.65			
		CAAL, Ernesto	Member	49	Elected			10.06			
		PAW, Samuel	Member	52	Elected			10.68			
		SHOI, Miguel	Member	50	Elected			10.27			
		TUSH, Andres	Member	46	Elected			9.45			

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COROZAL DISTRICT											
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5/25/2025	San Antonio	Chairperson									
		GILHARRY, Calvin Vincent	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		DANIELS, Samuel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GIBSON, Clifton Marston	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MATURA, Aaron Albert	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MATURA, Albert	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		RIVEROLI, Veronica Mand	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		WILLIAMS, Beverly Ermin Elizabeth	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

BELIZE DISTRICT											
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Gardenia	Chairperson									
		ESCALANTE, Primrose Delis	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CARD, Keisha Marie	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CLELAND, Ashton Andre	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DAWSON, Alwin Ewart	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DAWSON, Trisha Leona	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PEREZ, Kelsy Katrina	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SMITH, Ruth Patricia	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT											
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	San Antonio	Chairperson									
		TEYUL, Abdel	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		ALAMILLA, Juan Samuel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CASTILLO, Rarico Yamil	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COWO, Aldair Leonard	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PERAZA, Myrna Dalila	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		REYES, Arturo Noel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
5/25/2025	Santa Cruz	Chairperson									
		DIAZ, Nelson	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CASTILLO, Grandel Jorge	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COWO, Martha Esther	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DIAZ, Laura Fernanda	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GUERRA, Yarely Janet	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		OSORIO, Teodoro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
5/25/2025	Santa Cruz	SANCHEZ, Hermina Regina	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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5/25/2025	San Roman	Chairperson									
		VASQUEZ, Edgar Mauricio	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		ALEGRIA, Eric Miguel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CHAN, Maria	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MAI, Angel Antonio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		NOVELO, Gina	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		VARGAS, Jenaro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		VILLAMIL, Joanna Oddette	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
5/25/2025	Nuevo San Juan	Chairperson									
		COWO, Adalyn Adamari	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		BLANCO, Juanita Mariana	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		BLANCO, Nyzer Isaias	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		BLANCO, Reymundo Antonio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CHI, Yolani Yasel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MENDEZ, Marvella Edita	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MUY, Ruben	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
5/25/2025	San Estevan	Chairperson									
		CHAN, Rosaura	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		BLANCO, Carmelita Idalia	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CASTILLO, Yanelly Adela	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ESCALANTE, Jeffery Jaron	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		OSORJO, Saul Arsenio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PATT, Adilet Aidelina	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		QUTNONEZ, Gisel Maria	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT
VILLAGE COUNCILS ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL RESULT - 25TH MAY 2025
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CAYO DISTRICT											
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	St. Margaret	Chairperson									
		CERNA, Jose Francisco	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CHIAPAZ, Charibel Gaitan	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ECHEVERRIA, Jose Luis	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ECHEVERRIA, Merary Yamileth	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		FERNANDEZ, Zucely Yadira	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GODOY, Judy	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		RIVERA, Ramiro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Duck Run I	Chairperson									
		ESTRADA, Obdino	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		HERNANDEZ, Edwin Alexander	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SANDOVAL, Oscar Humberto	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SOSA, Iris Liset	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SOSA, Josue Emelito	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SOTO, Henry Giovany	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TZUL, David Omar	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Duck Run II	Chairperson									
		GARRIDO, Ermelindo	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CATALAN, Alexander	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GUITTERREZ, Yrbín Abelardo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GUTIERRES, Albin Jose	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		GUTIERREZ, Emmanuel Dario	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PERALTA, Giovanni	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PERALTA, Manuel De Jesus	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Billy White	Chairperson									
		GARCIA, Roberto David	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		BARRERA, Gavina Eveline	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CARTAGENA, Esvin Eli	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DIAZ, Carlos Alberto	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DIAZ, Edwin Enrique	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MENENDEZ, Yovany Ronaldo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MONGE, Merlin Azucena	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Santa Teresita	Chairperson									
		HERRERA ESCOBAR, Jose Luis	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		HERRERA, Carlos Giovanni	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		HERRERA, Elmer Omar	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		HERRERA, Francisco Elias	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		HERRERA, Mario Ernesto	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MIRANDA, Ismael Armando	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ROSALES, Carlos Alfredo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Calla Creek	Chairperson									
		UCK, Edwin Eduardo	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CATALAN, Fredy Amilcar	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PEREZ, Estrella Vanesa	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		RAMOS, Jorge Mario	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TUYUD, Elsa Edilma	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		UCK, Amilcar Alejandro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		UK, Luis Humberto	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

STANN CREEK DISTRICT											
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Placencia	Chairperson									
		GARBUTTI, Warren Bert	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		ANDERSON, Naomi Chrisoula	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		HAMILTON, Henry Antonio A.	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		LOPEZ, Sheldon Clarence	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MYERS, Dial Brice	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SMALL, Kristine Juliana	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		VILLANUEVA, Conrad Llewellyn	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Georgetown	Chairperson									
		ARZU, Daniel Webster	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		APOLONIO, Melissa Ella	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COOTE, Laselle Rayford	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		FERNANDEZ, Emmanuel Ira	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SABAL, Sylvia Cecilia	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		VALERIO, Gilda Sharon	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ZUNIGA, Delaine Odella	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
TOLEDO DISTRICT											
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
5/25/2025	Corazon Creek	Chairperson									
		POP, Alvin	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		ACAL, Apolinario	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ACAL, Sebastian	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CAAL, Reinaldo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CHOC, Sebastian	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ICAL, Marciano	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TEUL, Venancio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Dolores	Chairperson									
		PAN, Maximo	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		COC, Esteban	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COC, Juan	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		KEH, Francisco	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PACHAM, Florentino	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		POP, Apolinario	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ITUL, Leonardo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Otoxa	Chairperson									
		SALAM, Bernadino	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		AC, Valeriano	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		AKAL, Matro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		BATZ, Ravion	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CUZ, Eduardo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		ICAL, Prudencio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	San Lucas	Chairperson									
		BO, Isidorio	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		BO, Juan	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PAN BA, Marcos	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SALAM, Santiago	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		IZALAM, Carmelo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		IZALAM, Pedro	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		XOL, Enrique	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Monkey River	Chairperson									
		CUEVAS, Eloydia Diane	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CASTRO, Leonardo Jermaine	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		COLEMAN, Hudney Aron	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CUEVAS, Natasha Nicole	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MIRALDA, Ernease Denise	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		WILLIAMS, Ivan Henry	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		YOUNG, Danette Arlene	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered Electors	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spill Votes	Rejected Votes
25/05/2025	Punta Negra	Chairperson									
		WILLIAMS, Paula Delva	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		FOSTER, Fern Resha Rita	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		FOSTER, Jacqueline Danna	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		JACOBS, Ray Stephen	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		JACOBS, Suzette Andrea	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MARTIN, Kenworth Victor	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		NORALEZ, Adrian Raymundo Roberto	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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COROZAL on June 1	
VILLAGES	ELECTION VENUES
ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.	CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m. * 3:00 p.m. ** 5:00 p.m.
Santa Clara **	R.C. School
Paraiso **	Gov't School
Consejo	Consejo Library
San Andres **	Mary Hill R.C. School
San Antonio Uncontested	Gov't School
ORANGE WALK on June 1	
San Antonio Uncontested	R.C. School
Santa Cruz Uncontested	Gov't School
San Roman Uncontested	R.C. School
Nuevo San Juan Uncontested	R.C. School
Trial Farm **	Gov't School
San Estevan Uncontested	R.C. School
BELIZE on June 1	
La Democracia	Comm. Center
Gracie Rock	Comm. Center
Biscayne *	Gov't School
Gardenia Uncontested	Comm. Center
Crooked Tree*	Gov't School
CAYO on June 1	
Armenia**	Gov't School
St. Margaret Uncontested	St. Margaret Mary R.C. School
Duck Run I Uncontested	New Life Gov't School
Duck Run II Uncontested	St. Joseph R.C. School
Billy White Uncontested	Seventh Day Adventist School
STANN CREEK on June 1	
Santa Teresita Uncontested	Comm. Center
Calla Creek Uncontested	*Holy Cross RC School
TOLEDO on June 1	
San Juan /Cowpen	*San Juan Bosco RC School
Maya Mopan	*Primary School
Red Bank	**Christian School
San Román	**United Comm. Primary School
Placencia Uncontested	**St. John's Memorial School
Independence	**Primary School
Santa Cruz	**Gov't School
Santa Rosa	*United Comm. Primary School
Seine Bight	*St. Alphonsus RC School
Maya Center	*St. Jude RC School
Georgetown	Richard Quinn R.C. School
Corazon Creek Uncontested	Corazon Creek Tech. High School
Dolores Uncontested	Our Lady of Sorrow R.C. School
Otoxha Uncontested	St. Mark R.C. School
San Lucas Uncontested	R.C. School
Monkey River Uncontested	Comm. Center
Punta Negra Uncontested	St. Cuthbert Gov't School

HON. GILROY USHER CONTINUES
EFFORTS TO SECURE MORE LAND
AND STREETS IN PORT LOYOLA

In continuing efforts to address the need for land and access roads in Port Loyola on Wednesday May 14, Hon Gilroy Usher Area Representative for the division, in the company of surveyor Ian Gillett, Norman Usher, Francis Williams, Marlon Blades, and Samuel Stanford visited several homes on Freedom St. Ext., J.R. St., and Ariel Hall St. Ext. to identify ways to resolve land issues and better access to properties.

Land and access roads will result in faster development in area. Proper roads will end the use of very unsafe London bridges and make it easier for residents to transport supplies to their build their homes and develop their properties as they choose.

Access roads will also increase development in the community as the infrastructure will make it far less costly for both BEL and BWS to provide electricity and water to the fast growing community.

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025
SCHEDULE

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COROZAL on June 8

Nominations on Sunday June 1
at St. Francis Xavier R.C School

VILLAGES

ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.

ELECTION VENUES

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Chan Chen *	Gov't School
San Narciso **	R.C. School
San Victor **	R.C. School
Yo Chen	Comm. Center
Chunox **	R.C. School
Progreso **	R.C. School
Copper Bank *	R.C. School
Patchakan **	R.C. School
Sarteneja **	R.C. School
Xaibe **	R.C. School

ORANGE WALK on June 8

Nominations on Sunday June 1
at Louisiana Government School

San Luis	R.C. School
Douglas *	Our Lady of Fatima R.C. School
San Pablo **	Comm. Gov't School
San Jose **	Gov't School
San Jose Palmar **	R.C. School
Chan Pine Ridge *	Gov't School
Carmelita**	Gov't School
Santa Martha *	Gov't School
Tower Hill	Comm. Center

BELIZE on June 8

Nominations on Sunday June 1
at Edward P. York High School

Gales Point	Gov't School
Freetown Sibun	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
Burrell Boom **	St. Therese R.C. School
St. Paul's Bank	Comm. Center
Willow's Bank	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)

CAYO on June 8

Nominations on Sunday June 1
Santa Elena Primary RC School

Yalbac	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
La Gracia	Gov't. School
Los Tambos	*Gov't. School
Cristo Rey **	Comm Center

STANN CREEK on June 8

All Villages Complete

TOLEDO on June 8

Nominations on Sunday June 1
at Toledo Community College

Cattle Landing*	Comm. Center
Eldridgeville*	Comm. Center
Forest Home*	Little Flower R.C. School
Santa Ana	Comm. Center
Bladen (CC)	Fabian Cayetano R.C. School
Bella Vista **	Our Lady of Bella Vista R.C. School
Trio *	Gov't School
San Pablo	St. Paul R.C. School

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VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025
SCHEDULE

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COROZAL on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at St. Francis Xavier R.C School

VILLAGES

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ELECTION VENUES

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Cristo Rey **	R.C. School
Buena Vista *	R.C. School
San Pedro *	Comm. Center

ORANGE WALK on June 15

None

BELIZE on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at Edward P. York High School

Maskall *	Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. School
Bomba	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
Corozalito	Comm. Center
St. Ann's	Comm. Center
Mahogany Heights *	St. Agnes Anglican School (Middle)
St. George's Caye	Open Lot (Tent)

CAYO on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Teakettle **	St. Edmund Campion RC School
Ontario *	Ontario Christian School

Nominations on Sunday June 8
Santa Elena Primary RC School

San Marcos	R.C. School
Selena	Iguana Creek Gov't School

STANN CREEK on June 15

All Villages Completed

TOLEDO on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at Julian Cho Technical High School

San Jose *	R.C. School
Na Luum Ca	Gov't School
Jacintoville	Comm. Center
Laguna	Comm. Center
San Felipe	Comm. Center
San Marcos *	Comm. Center
Yemeri Grove	Toledo Christian Academy
San Pedro Columbia **	R.C. School

Vote

Crooked Tree

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2025 VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS



VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025
SCHEDULE

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COROZAL on June 22

All Villages Complete

VILLAGES

ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.

ELECTION VENUES

CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m.

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ORANGE WALK on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Louisiana Government School

San Lazaro **	R.C. School
Trinidad *	Gov't School
August Pine Ridge **	R.C. School
Yo Creek **	R.C. School

BELIZE on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Edward P. York High School

Lucky Strike	Gov't School
Rockstone Pond	Altun Ha Parking Lot (Tent)
Santana	Comm. Center
Hattieville **	Gov't School
Western Paradise*	Comm. Center

CAYO on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Cotton Tree **	St. Joseph RC School
St. Matthews *	Gov't. School
Franks Eddy *	Gov't. School
More Tomorrow	Gov't. School

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Sacred Heart Primary RC School

Esperanza **	St. Francis Xavier RC School
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Nominations on Sunday June 15
Santa Elena Primary RC School

San Antonio **	United Pentecostal School
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Nominations on Sunday June 15
Mount Carmel RC Primary School

San Jose Succotz **	San Jose Succotz RC School
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STANN CREEK on June 22

All Villages Complete

TOLEDO on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Julian Cho Technical High School

Golden Stream	Gov't School
Indian Creek *	R.C. School
Medina Bank	Gov't School
San Miguel *	R.C. School
Silver Creek *	R.C. School
Big Falls **	R.C. School
San Antonio **	San Luis Rey R.C. School
Crique Jute	Gov't School
Mafredi	Methodist School
Pueblo Viejo *	San Francisco de Jeronimo R.C. School

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025
SCHEDULE

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COROZAL on June 29

All Villages complete

VILLAGES

ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.

ELECTION VENUES

CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m.

* 3:00 p.m. | ** 5:00 p.m.

ORANGE WALK on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Louisiana Government School

Indian Church	Gov't School
San Carlos	Gov't School
San Felipe **	St. Michael R.C. School
Fire Burn	Gov't School
Guinea Grass **	R.C. School

BELIZE on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Edward P. York High School

Lord's Bank **	Comm. Center
Caye Caulker **	R.C. School
Bermudian Landing	Belize Rural PS (Bermudian Landing)
Flowers Bank	Comm. Center
Rancho Dolores	Belize Rural PS (Rancho Dolores)
Scotland Halfmoon	Comm. Center
Ladyville **	Our Lady of the Way R.C. School

CAYO on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Roaring Creek **	Our Lady of Fatima R.C. School
Camalote **	St. Jude R.C. School

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Sacred Heart Primary RC School

Santa Familia **	RC School
Bullet Tree **	Immaculate Conception R.C. School
8. Duck Run III *	Hidden Paradise Gov't School

Nominations on Sunday June 22
Santa Elena Primary RC School

Buena Vista	*Gov't School
El Progreso *	Community School
Georgeville *	Comm. Center

Nominations on Sunday June 22
Mount Carmel RC Primary School

San Jose Succotz	San Jose Succotz R.C. School
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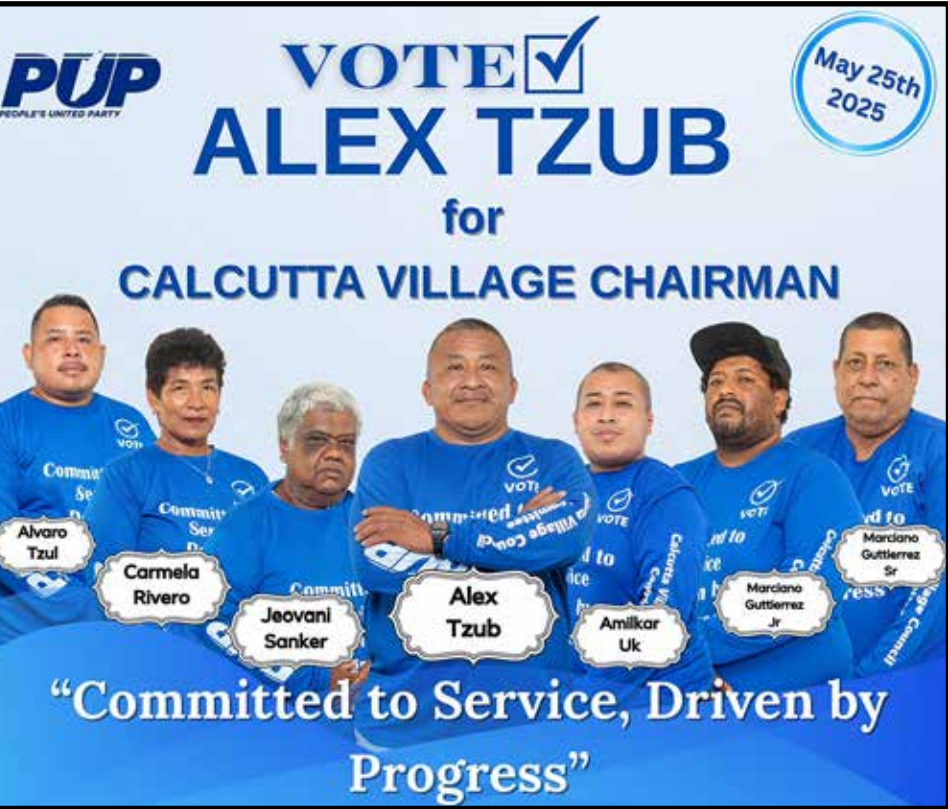
STANN CREEK on June 29

All Villages Complete

TOLEDO on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Toledo Community College

Aguacate	R.C. School
Blue Creek	R.C. School
Mabilha	Gov't School
San Benito Poite	R.C. School
Santa Teresa	R.C. School
Jordan	Comm. Center
Santa Cruz*	Comm. Center
Santa Elena	R.C. School
San Vicente	R.C. School
Jalacte *	R.C. School



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DOT to Reengage National Enforcement on Motorcycle Violations

May 26th, 2025 - The Department of Transport (DOT) is announcing the reactivation of national enforcement efforts aimed at addressing the growing issue of the improper use of motorcycles on Belize's roadways. This initiative is being launched in response to an increasing number of public complaints and observed violations of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

Citizens from across the country have raised concerns about the excessive noise caused by motorcycles, particularly in residential areas. In addition to the noise nuisance, the Department has observed a concerning decline in the use of protective motorcycle helmets, the carrying of excess passengers, and other serious infractions of traffic laws.

In collaboration with the Police Department and Municipal Traffic Departments, the Department of Transport will be conducting targeted national enforcement operations. These operations will include on-the-spot inspections of motorcycles to ensure compliance with legal standards for roadworthiness, noise control, and rider safety.

Motorcycles found in violation of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act will be impounded, and the owners or operators will be sanctioned in accordance with the law.

The Department is committed to restoring order, ensuring safety, and protecting the rights of law-abiding road users. Motorcycles can be a convenient mode of transportation, but they must be operated safely, respectfully, and legally. As such, all owners and operators of motorcycles are urged to ensure their vehicles are properly maintained, appropriately licensed, and used in accordance with traffic laws. The public is also encouraged to report any continued unsafe practices to the Department of Transport, the local police station, or the Municipal Traffic Authority.

Members of the public are asked to channel all complaints to the Ministry of Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation's hotline number: 613-3104. (release)

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